

America's hurricane showcase

Echo Staff Writer Ed Lepoma offers an inside view of the National Hurricane Conference

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Political sign vandals beware

The Bay St. Louis Police Department has issued a warning to political campaign sign thieves and vandals in the wake of a recent spree of sign theft and/or destruction. Those who are caught either stealing or destroying campaign signs may be charged with malicious mischief, and be forced to pay fines and restitution.

Hospice program hails volunteers

Quality Hospice of the Gulf Coast will salute its devoted volunteers as will many other organizations during National Volunteer Week April 22-28. If you would like to volunteer even an hour of your time, please call 374-4434.

Foster Parents rummage sale

The Foster Parent Assoc. Rummage & Hotdog sale fundraiser takes place this Saturday, April 28, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Department for Human Services office on Longfellow Rd. Funds will go to children's activities.

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Hancock computer program may have an expensive glitch

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The Hancock County School District put a real feather in its cap in October 1998 by becoming the first

student in grades 9-12 a take-home computer. Now that feather may be forcing the district into a ticklish situation.

The growing problems with the

Board's meeting Thursday night when District Three board member Julie Easter wanted some clarification on an agenda item to approve an affidavit for stolen property.

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"We'll have teachers include in their lesson plans activities that require the use of the StudyPro."
— Superintendent of Education Mike Ladner, responding to board questions about student laptop computers



THE HOME OF THE BRAVE



Waveland Little Leaguers are respectful Saturday during the singing of the National Anthem, kicking off their 2001 season with an all-day tournament. Below left: More Waveland Little League players enjoy the opening day parade en route to the field. Below right: The Dixie Girls' Softball League also kicks off opening day at McDonald Field in Bay St. Louis.



Gulf of Mexico program loves us

Hancock tapped for two of the four Coastal projects

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Hancock County is poised to get more help from the Gulf of Mexico program in the next year than any other community on the Gulf Coast — including around \$90,000 that may be earmarked to help complete sewerage projects and clean up the Jourdan River and the Bay of St. Louis.

Attendance was high at the annual planning meeting for the Gulf of Mexico's 2002 project identification and selection

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Legion to get flag memorial

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The American Legion Post 77 may finally see the realization of their dream of a flag memorial at the foot of Coleman Ave. Aldermen voted to proceed with the installation of the memorial, which could be completed in six to eight weeks once a plan for the project is agreed on and approved.

Aldermen also voted to proceed with advertising for bids for materials needed for a new water line project from St. Joseph, to Mars, to Venus, to

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Port Bienville railroad on fast improvement track

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Funds already in hand and bills passed in the recent state legislative session will put Hancock County's Port Bienville railroad on a fast track for even more improvements.

Greg Deakle, director of operations for the Hancock

County Port and Harbor Commission, last week discussed progress currently under way to upgrade the railroad tracks at the county's industrial park, and talked about new legislation that will make the park more competitive with others in Mississippi and the Gulf region. The industrial park's ten-

ants are serviced by eight-and-a-half miles of railroad track, some of which was manufactured in 1903. In the past year, the Port Commission has upgraded a little more than four miles of track from 85-pound rail to 115-pound rail in order to handle heavier rail cars required by Wellman and other park tenants. Side stor-

age track area has also been increased 4,200-feet, adding another 9,000 feet of storage.

Deakle said recently a major supplier to Wellman donated

\$900,000 to the Port

Commission to upgrade most of the remaining tracks.

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Hurricane exhibits show ingenuity of America

We still can't stop hurricanes, but technology helps lessen the deadly effects

BY ED LEPOMA
WASHINGTON—Advanced technology, service industries and innovative products were on display here last week at the 2001 National Hurricane Conference.

There were more than 60 state and federal agencies and private firms with exhibits that had one goal in common. All offered advance help to limit the impact of a hurricane or other natural disaster or products designed to make life better once you are the victim of a "once in the lifetime event."

One product immediately caught local attention, since parts of southern Hancock County frequently go under water due to a strong southeast wind, much less a hurricane.

Flood Fighter Corp., based in Calgary Canada, was showing off its inflatable dike system for the first time in the United States. Until now, the only way to deal with flood emergencies was sandbagging, which is time-consuming and labor-intensive.

Flood Fighter Corp. provides a rapid deployment bladder system that uses potable water, or the encroaching floodwater, as ballast to fight floods.

With only minimal manpower, the system can be easily inflated and configured to control floods ranging from one-foot to over four-feet deep. The red bladder can quickly form a continuous barrier to surround hospitals, schools, factories and even entire subdivisions or to run the length of a levee or seawall. It is re-usable and easy to store.

Neil Runions, director of operations, gave this comparison of sandbags vs. the Floodfighter system for a levee of up to 300 feet, designed to hold back 18 inches of water:

- 9,300 sandbags would be needed weighing 45 pounds each, compared to 18, 45-pound bladders.

- The sandbags transported would weight 418,500 pounds, the bladders, 810 pounds.

- 14 gravel trucks would be needed to transport the sand, compared to one half-ton truck needed to transport the bladders.

- It would require 207 man-hours to fill the sandbags, compared to three man-hours needed to fill the bladders.

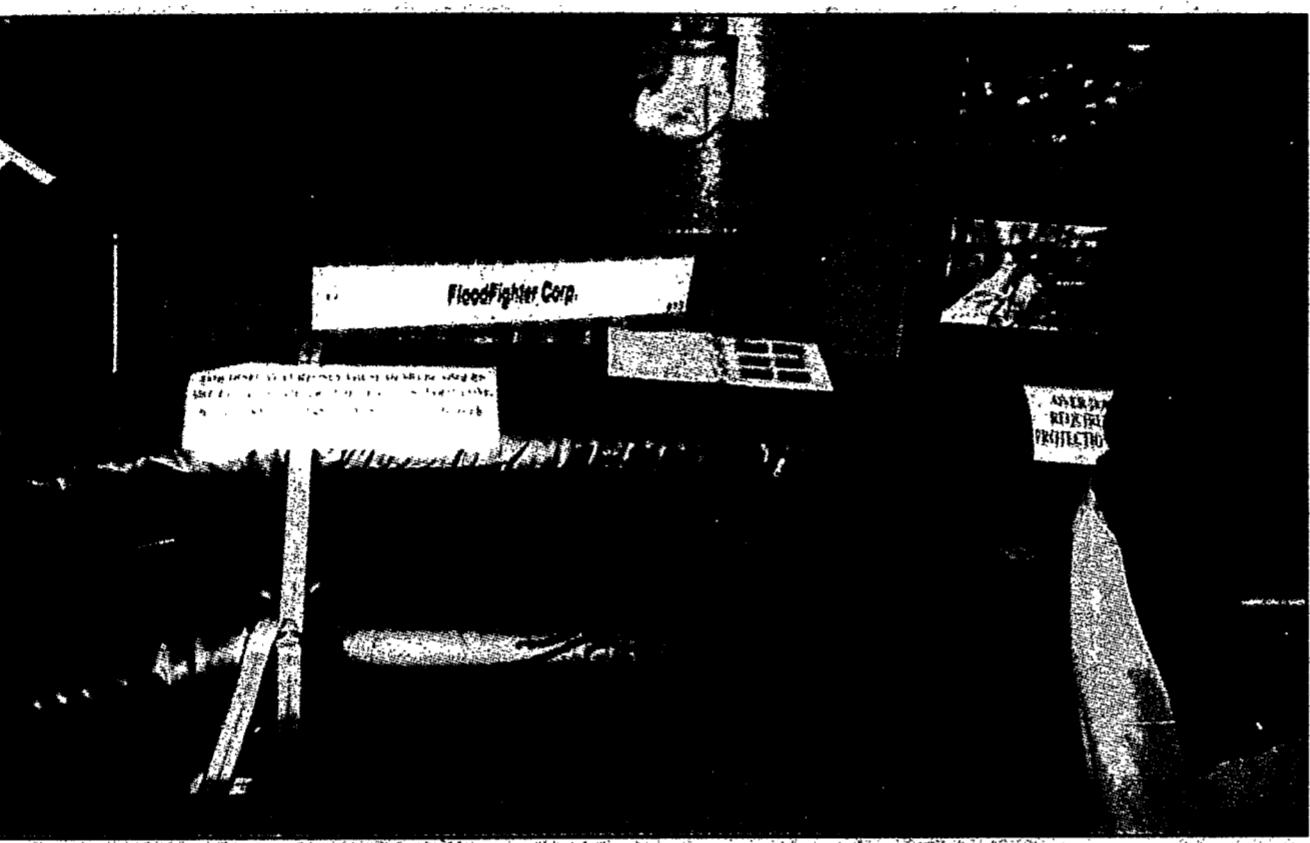
- 185 man-hours would be required to build the 300 foot-long dike, compared to 12 man-hours for the bladders.

HeaterMeals, Inc., based in Cincinnati, Ohio was cooking its meals and serving samples. The military-inspired product provides seven hot and ready-to-eat meals in 14 minutes without electricity, flame or fire. Water enclosed in the package triggers iron and magnesium in the food heater to produce heat once the package is turned over.

Meals offered include: mashed potatoes, gravy and flame-broiled turkey breast; mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes and beef; homestyle chicken and noodles in gravy;



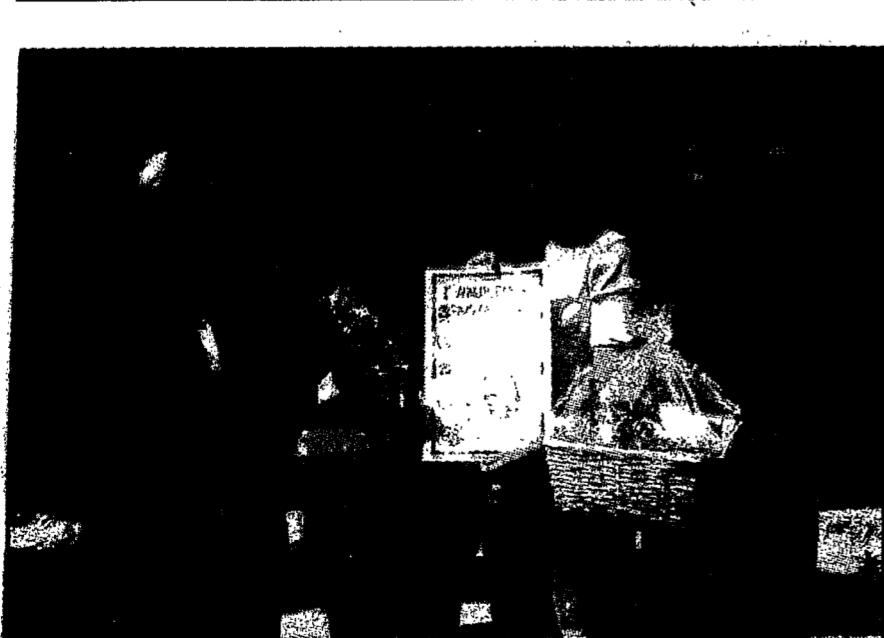
Hancock delegation—An eight-member delegation represented Hancock County and the Gulf Regional Planning Commission at last week's National Hurricane Conference in Washington, D.C. (front row) Chamber Director Carleen Moran, District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward, Lynn Carbon, Civil Defense Director, and David Staelling of the GRC. (Rear) Buz Olsen of Bay St. Louis, representative to the GRC, Kelli Hamilton, Carbon's assistant, Jenell Tompkins, consultant to the Board of Supervisors, and Bill Johnson of Compton Engineering.



Inflatable levee—A Calgary, Canada firm was showing off for the first time in the United States a bladder levee system that fills up with water and can replace the time-consuming sandbagging procedures used to reduce flooding.



Hot Meals—Hundreds of new products were on display at last week's 2001 National Hurricane Conference in Washington, D.C. One firm was serving samples of hot sever varieties of hot meals, that cook in their box without electricity, flame or fire.



The First Annual Paws on Parade raised \$515 for the Waveland Animal Shelter. Organizers Rebecca Crowson and Paula Leoni of the Loft Studios and Micky Evans of the Purple Snapper presented the proceeds to Shelter Director Valerie Viescas on Thursday and thanked the community for their support of the event.

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Aggreko Inc., based in Houston, provides quality, portable silenced generators, temperature control equipment, oil-free air compressions and all support accessories.

Plylox, another Texas firm, was demonstrating its unique stabilizing system for boarding up homes or businesses in advance of hurricane-force winds.

Asset Recovery Technologies, Inc., based in Elk Grove, Illinois, provides 24-hour emergency restoration of electrical, electronic equipment and machinery that has been exposed to smoke, water, moisture or other contaminants.

There were other firms, such as New York-based Adjusters International, to assist municipalities and not-for-profit organizations, eligible for federal funds to obtain smoother recoveries and to enhance their ability to retain grant funding. The firm also documents losses and assists in the settlement of disaster claims.

Federal and state agencies involved in emergency response were also well represented.

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was touting the advantages of obtaining flood insurance in advance of a disaster.

- Representatives of the Humane Society of the United States was recruiting members and passing out literature urging people to include household

pets as part of their evacuation plans.

- The National Weather Service had pamphlets informing convention attendees that in the last 30 years, inland flooding has been responsible for more than half of the deaths associated with hurricanes in the United States.

The message of all the exhibitors was clear: The United States still has not developed the technology to stop a hurricane, but the ingenuity of private enterprise is working together with federal, state and local entities to minimize the impact of a killer storm.

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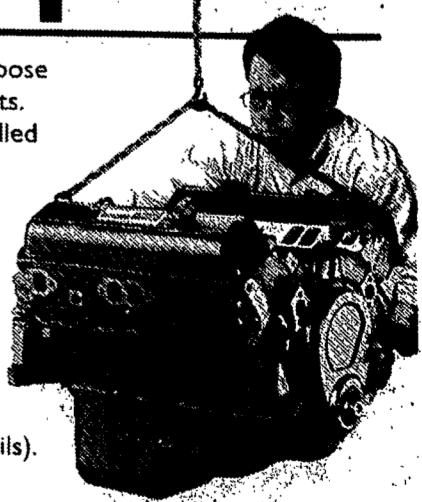
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Pass businessman wants Hwy. 90 sign

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Another businessman has complained strict regulations in Pass Christian's historic district is hurting his business.

Sammy Rivers, general manager of Antiques and Interiors, located off West Scenic Drive at Market Street, came before Mayor Billy McDonald and the Board of Aldermen Tuesday night to air his grievances.

Rivers said he erected a sign on U.S. Hwy. 90 and Market in hopes of luring motorists on the busy highway to stop and shop at the upscale gifts and antiques shop operating in a portion of what was formerly a shirt manufacturing shop.

He said he was informed by Pass Christian's Historical Society that the sign was in violation of current ordinances, and warned by the city's Code Enforcement Office he faced a fine of \$100-a-day and 30 days in jail if he persisted in keeping the sign up.

"There are five businesses in this location with sales of \$2 million that adds to the city's tax base," said Rivers. He said the sign was a "well-built, designed sign."

He said he is losing business every day the sign is down.

Peggy Johnson, the city's chief code enforcement officer, told city officials Rivers did not submit his sign for review by the Historic Society, but Rivers contended he tried, and the Commission would not put his application on the agenda.

Johnson explained the sign must first be approved by the Historic Society, then Rivers must apply for a permit with her office before she can issue it.

Ward 2 Alderman Margaret Jean Kalif, whose district includes the historic area, told Johnson she thought the land below Scenic was the property of the uplands owner, but Johnson said that would be for a court to decide.

Kalif asked to go into executive session, and after about 15 minutes the mayor and aldermen emerged.

McDonald told Rivers, "What the Board has decided is you need to go back to the Historical Society." He said the Society meets again on May 9, but city attorney Malcolm Jones said Rivers could request a special meeting of the group if he didn't

want to wait until May 9.

McDonald indicated the Board might lean toward overturning the Society's decision should it vote against the sign.

The mayor was referring to the fact that the Board of Aldermen can overturn the decisions of most appointive city bodies, unlike a decision made recently by the city's appointive Board of Zoning and Adjustments.

Last January, that board ruled the Palace in the Pass, a reception hall, was in violation of the zoning ordinance, and could not run a business in the historic district.

Owners P.J. Hughes and her son, Randy Tugge, have spent thousands of dollars renovating the deteriorating, old VFW Hall, and were told before they purchased the building the property's "non-conforming" use transferred to the new owners.

The VFW operated a bar in the rear of the building, and frequently hosted bingo games and parties. The business continues to operate, but the owners contend they are losing thousands of dollars of future business while the case is being appealed to Harrison County

Circuit Court.

The Mayor and Aldermen told the owners then that the board is autonomous, and they cannot overturn its decisions, but it could remove board members if they found a reason to take the action.

In other business Tuesday night, aldermen authorized the mayor to file application for \$94,578 to improve personnel fitness and health and fire fighting services in the city. The city's match would be \$10,500, according to comptroller Janet Dudding.

Congress made grants available, channeled from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the U.S. Fire Administration.

The money would be used for communications which would allow the command post to monitor who is on the fire scene or whether or not the firefighter's device is activated.

It would also pay for thermal imaging equipment which allows firefighters to see through dense smoke in order to more quickly locate fire victims.

A total \$39,580 would be used for fitness and wellness programs for firefighters.



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Rotary Teacher of the Month

Gulfview Elementary teacher Donna Marquar, center, recently received the Hancock County Rotary Club's "Teacher of the Month" Award from sergeant-at-arms Bob Hubbard.



Photo by Bob Hubbard
The Hancock Rotary Club recently welcomed guest speaker Hal Walters, executive director of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission.

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Edmond M. Brignac, Jr., a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, spent four years at Saint Stanislaus College. He

OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Monday is really red beans and rice day for the folks of Hancock County, and 'moms' do not even have to worry about cooking them.

The 12th annual American Cancer Society's Red Beans & Rice Cook-off will be Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center, Longfellow Road.

This year's general chairman is Hancock County Tax Assessor/Collector Jimmie Ladner, Jr., and he is hoping to top the monies raised at last year's event when Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar was chairman.

Jimmie reports there will be over 30 cooking groups competing this year.

The general public plays a very important role by stopping by the Civic Center for lunch on Monday. For a mere \$6 they can eat all the red beans and rice they desire.

You can be assured there will be beans cooked with so many 'secret' recipes that it will be hard to judge whose are the best.

This year there will be several new entries trying to wrestle the titles from previous winners in the various categories.

Competition makes the beans taste better, too. Now that I think of it, I have been selected as one of the four judges this year. This is a task I have enjoyed several times before.

Several entrants in the contest make other contributions, too, such as the Diamondhead Supermarket and Waveland Market Center, who will be supplying bread pudding and coleslaw, while Winn-Dixie, Bay St. Louis, will be donating bread. Winn-Dixie is a newcomer to the cook-off this year.

The entertainment will once again be provided by DJ Eric Ross of Soundsation Mobile Music.

I have been told there will be a couple of rookie cooks for Hancock Bank this year. They are John Baxter of the Bay 90 branch and Clay Leyser of the Diamondhead branch. Hancock Bank's Golden Bean winner, going back many years, Chuck Breath, indicated to me on Wednesday that it's time for the rookies to defend his title.

The beans are provided by Camellia Brands, while the rice and 'secret' ingredients are supplied by the cooks. There should be a lot of bean cooking this weekend.

Ricky Adam, a committee member, who has been keeping tally of the contestants, tells me there are also a lot of items which have been donated for the silent auction this year.

Door prizes, which will be given out throughout the three hours, are very numerous, too, Adam reports.

The cook-off has the cooks, now all they need is the general public, and you too can vote for the People's Choice Award.

Remember, this is a fund raiser for a very important organization, the American Cancer Society, and they need all the help you can give.

The cook-off is really a good-time event, and by participating you can get a full stomach and possibly win several door prizes at the same time. Your \$6 donation will help lots.

I hope to see tomorrow at the Red Beans & Rice Cook-off.

I was saddened this past week to learn of the death of Mr. Henry Lang, Sr.

Mr. Henry's relationship with my family goes way back in years. When he was a teenager he worked along with my late father and my uncle, Monroe Cuevas, at the LeBlanc's Grocery in Bay St. Louis. The store was owned by the parents of the late Mrs. Ina Piazza, who also worked at the store.

I also can recall, as a student at the St. Stanislaus Back School, when Mr. Henry owned and operated the grocery store at what is known as the 'Five Corners' in Bay St. Louis. Also his twin daughters were born one day before me.

Mr. Henry was a 'fixture' for many years at Mr. Scharff's Jitney Jungle in Bay St. Louis as a market manager before his retirement.

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Follow-up on veterans' honorary HS diplomas

I would like to commend our local legislators, Rep. Dirk Dedeaux and Sen. Scottie Cuevas, for the good things they are doing in looking out for our interests in the state capital.

I always read their articles in the local paper and hope that they also read my, "Ask the V.A."

In a recent article in The Sea Coast Echo, Rep. Dedeaux stated that HB 396 was passed to honor veterans of WW II and the Korean War.

This bill 'created' high school diplomas for those veterans who left high school to join the various armed services prior to completing graduation requirements.

Nationally, Massachusetts was the first state to implement this program; and when I read



Ask The V.A.

by Donald Mauffray
CVSO

about it, I had an article published in The Sea Coast Echo stating that I had contacted the superintendents of both the Bay-Waveland School District and the Hancock County School District.

In a follow-up article in the Echo on October 14, 1999 I stated that both superintendents of education had informed me that the boards of their respective districts had given their whole-hearted support of the program.

As far as I know, Mississippi may be the first state after Massachusetts to implement the program. I'm happy to say that Mississippi's first graduation ceremonies for veterans was held in May 2000 in the auditorium of old Bay High Central School (now Bay Middle School). Those receiving diplomas were three Pernicaro brothers

MAUFFRAY--PAGE 5A



Letters to the Editor

Be informed about what's going on in your town

To the Editor:
People of Hancock County,
wake up!

This town passes laws and makes decisions for everybody, because no one goes to meetings to voice their opinion.

If the people don't show up Monday, April 23, and let the supervisors know how they feel about being charged \$500 to file an appeal against anything the Zoning Board passed and you

don't agree with it, you can not even voice your opinion unless you have \$500.

You have to wonder why so many people are filing appeals in the first place. It makes me think they're doing things the way they want without any input from the public.

So it's up to us, John Q. Public, to be heard. But to be heard you have to show up, read The Sea Coast Echo and be

informed about what's going on in your town.

It seems to me there is only one supervisor who remembers how he got his job - by the people voting for him. He is Rocky Pullman. He is the only supervisor who opposed a \$500 fee to file an appeal.

As he said, not everyone has \$500 to appeal a decision the Zoning Board passes, which in my opinion depends on what

your last name is. If you were born and raised here you can do whatever you want without any recourse.

But if you are an "outsider," you exist only to pay taxes to keep their town running.

It will be the "outsiders" paying \$500 while the "insiders" do what they want.

Martin DeSalvo
Bay St. Louis

Readers' assistance needed

Dear Editor:
I am gathering information about local Christmas traditions in Mississippi, and I am writing to ask your readers to assist me.

I hope to identify colorful events that take place in the communities across the state, especially those that have been ongoing for several years and reflect the history, customs, ethnic groups and/or geography of the area.

For example, in the Delta town of Leland, where cypress-lined Deer Creek runs through the center of town, the Christmas parade floats down Deer Creek, and trees along the creek are lighted throughout the season.

Many communities have Christmas parades; is there anything unusual or characteristic of your area that distinguishes yours? Does your com-

munity, or neighborhood, have elaborate downtown scenes, community caroling customs, a spectacular or quaint church, school, or civic activity?

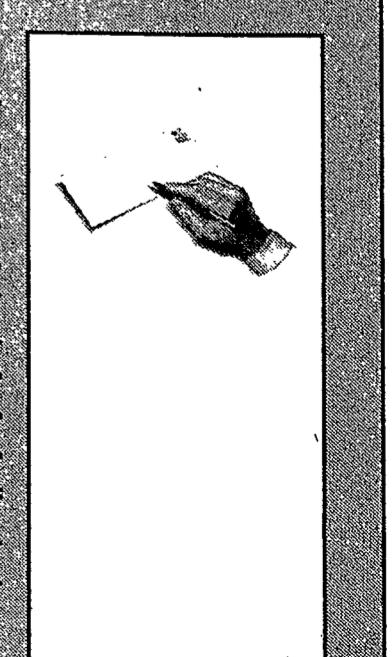
Do ethnic groups in your area have ways of celebrating during the Christmas season that blend traditions of that culture with American/Mississippi Christmas practices (Jewish, African-American, Choctaw Indian, Eastern Indian, Vietnamese, Greek, Chinese, Mexican, Lebanese, Italian, or any other)?

If you have information, please write a brief description and mail or e-mail it to me at the addresses given below. Include your name, address, and phone number.

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Monday really Red Beans & Rice Day for Cancer Society

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A taste off these, a taste of those, and other red beans and rice are on tap for tomorrow at the 12th annual American Cancer Society's Red Beans Cook-off to be held at the Hancock County Civic Center, Longfellow Road.

Serving as general chairman for the fund-raising event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. is Hancock County Assessor/Collector Jimmie Ladner.

At a meeting of the captains of the 2001 Cook-off Friday morning at the Hancock County Courthouse, when drawings were held for positions in the Civic Center, it was announced there will be some teams competing in four categories.

This year a new award has been added Ladner said. It is the Camellia Bean Award. Beans for the Cook-off participants were furnished by Camellia Brands. The participants supply the rice and 'secret' ingredients.

Participants will be divided into four categories: government, restaurants, organizations and businesses.

The fund raiser began some 12 years ago and continues to grow and increase proceeds for the Cancer Society. The general chairman for the past two years was Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar. Some \$10,000 was raised last year.

Ladner said, "We urge all of our citizens to come out and enjoy a good assortment of red beans and rice. The general public plays an important roll in

this fund raiser, as there is an admission fee of \$6 per person which entitles them to all of the red beans and rice they can eat.

Dessert in the form of bread pudding plus coleslaw is supplied by Waveland Market Center/Diamondhead Supermarket. Winn-Dixie of Bay St. Louis will be supplying some of the bread.

Among the original organizers of the

first Cook-off were Janet McQueen, Anne Schmidt Andry and Basil Kennedy.

There will be a silent auction during the Cook-off, according to Ricky Adam, who reports that many items have been donated for this year's event.

Top honors will go to the winner of the Golden Bean Award. There will be an award for Showmanship and Best Bean for each category and also a People's Choice Award, in addition to the Camellia Bean Award, which will be given for the most unique beans.

Entertainment will be provided by DJ Eric Ross of Soundsation Mobile Music, and there will be numerous door prizes, many given away by par-

ticipants during the three-hour period.

Among the committee members this year joining Ladner are Rickey Adam, Margaret Hadden, Bay Police Chief Frank McNeil, Bay Assistant Police Chief Dave Stepro, Bay Fire Chief Robert Gavagni, Tim Kellar, and Sandra Hoda. Kerry Clark is the Cancer Society's area director.

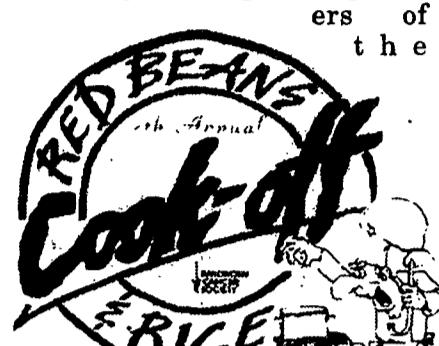
Ladner reports among the new teams to participate this year will be the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

Judges for the Cook-off are John "Chappy" Chapman, Paul La Violette, Judge Steve Hancock and Ellis C. Cuevas.

Hancock County Retired Senior Volunteers (RSVP) will assist at the Cook-off in ticket collections, etc.

Tickets will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance at the Diamondhead Century 21, Hancock County Tax Assessor's office, or Jolly Rogers Printing and Sign Company. Jolly Rogers also assists with printing materials for the Cook-off.

Ladner closed by saying, "You know, this is a fun time for the participants as well as a great time for those in the community who come and join us for this special fund-raising dinner. We will appreciate the participation of everyone in the county and even our neighbors across the Bay. Remember the day, tomorrow, Monday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road."



Mauffray

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- Joseph, Sam, and Nuncy - and Bernie Piazza, all of Bay St. Louis.

Any of you World War II or Korean War veterans wishing to receive honorary HS diplomas may contact me at 467-2100, and we can get the ball rolling.

Again, Rep. Dedeaux and Sen. Cuevas, I want to commend both of you for the good jobs you are doing for us.

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Dear Editor,

In writing, my hope is that we will all unite in taking action to bring peace to our communities. I, like you, have seen the effects of a world at unrest.

We have seen wars, hatred and much death. This death is not only upon foreign lands, but also right in our schools and homes.

On April 20, 1999, the tragedy of Columbine High School occurred. On March 6, 2001, almost two years later, we had another horror in a school in Santeet, Calif.

This shows that we have done nothing to change the hearts and minds of the students to make sure this does not occur again.

Unless we get to the cause of these tragedies, unless we stop trying to put a band-aid on the symptoms of a sick society, we will continue to mourn without hope of change.

My hope is that you will see there is a Peaceful Solution and a positive way to change the way our society is heading.

On February 23-25, the Third Global Conference on Peace was

hosted by The House of Yahweh in Abilene, Texas. It was co-convoked by Dr. Yisrayl Hawkins, from Abilene and Dr. Oryerna Johnson from Canada.

There were 16 countries represented there, including men and women from China, Russia, Israel and Nigeria, to name just a few. Representatives from various peace organizations across the United States were also in attendance.

Though the people came from many nations, the problems all stemmed from the same cause: a lack of education in the laws of moral principles.

It was agreed upon by all, that with proper education, starting at a very young age, all forms of the negative effects that we see in modern-day society would be eliminated.

"The only way to stop hate and killing is through education, taught through the laws in the Peaceful Solution," said the representative from Israel.

The representative from Armenia totally agreed with this statement. These two men have seen the devastating effects of their countries at war,

because only war is taught there. Now they will be taking back with them hope, through the teaching of the Peaceful Solution."

What is the Peaceful Solution? The Peaceful Solution is a set of moral principles that can be taught to all people. Everyone who is taught and practices the Peaceful Solution will greatly benefit from these principles.

I urge you to obtain and consider this information. Free samples of this program are being offered. To receive your free copy, call 1-888-613-9494, or write to The Peaceful Solution, P.O. Box 2442, Abilene, Texas 79604; or e-mail: info@peacesolution.com and request the Peaceful Solution program which was offered at the Third Global Conference on Peace in Abilene, Texas. Yisrayl Hawkins is also available for interviews.

You have the opportunity and the responsibility to do something to make a change.

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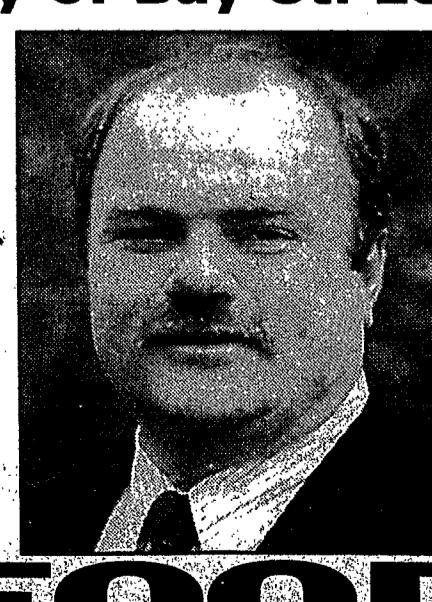
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Arboretum announces May program calendar

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Call (601) 799-2311, ext. 21, to register. Members, \$12; non-members, \$15.

Herbal and Culinary Plant Day
Saturday, May 12
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A wide variety of herbs, from basil and beyond, will be for sale. The Arboretum Gift Shop will feature a range of book titles on herbs, and there will be lectures on herbs at Pinecone Pavilion. Bring a sack lunch and prepare to spend the day. Scheduled lectures and speakers include:

11 a.m., Propagating Herbs, Patti Tranchina, of Blue Moon Interior Plants and Mary Kay McGavock of The Cottage Garden

12:30 p.m., Culinary Herbs, Carolyn

McGavock of The Cottage Garden

2 p.m. Medicinal Herbs, Meloney Talbot-Adams of Nature's Path Health Store

Admission will be free and open to the public.
Fabric Art
Saturday, May 19
10-11:30 a.m.

Children will love this program where they get to paint designs on their own clothes. Registrants will be provided with a fabric art kit and let loose with their imaginations. All materials will be provided, but bring your own clothes for painting.

Reservations are required. Call (601) 799-2311, ext. 21, to register. Member children, \$5; non-members, \$7.

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Hollies, gallberry, prairie phlox, verbena, white violet, titi, daisy fleabane, dwarf huckleberry, blue flag iris, Virginia willow, mountain laurel, ashe magnolia, sweetbay magnolia, yellow cowslip, white waterlily, floating hearts, golden club, arrow arum, lizard's tail, blue-eyed grass, snowbells, verbena, possum hawk.

The Crosby Arboretum is located in Picayune. Take I-59 to Exit 4 and follow the signs; or from the Gulf Coast, take I-10 to the Waveland exit and proceed north on Highway 603 to Highway 43 to Picayune.

For information, call (601) 799-2311, ext. 21.

The Sea Coast Echo

SPORTS

Fromeyer, Wilson, Wagner named to Hall of Fame

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame held their annual awards banquet on April 18, at the Broadwater Resort East.

Three area high school football standouts were honored and enshrined in the Hall of Fame. Aaron Fromeyer of Bay High, Jacob Wilson of Hancock, and Myles Wagner of Pass Christian were all honored by the foundation for their successes both on and off the field.

The National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame is dedicated to the recognition of outstanding student athletes in the respective region it covers.

President of the Gulf Coast Chapter, Lonnie Tillman, presided over the ceremony while Art Demmas, Regional Coordinator, was the guest speaker. Demmas is a longtime NFL official who has officiated four Super Bowls.

The National Football Foundation was created by the venerable Grantland Rice. The mission of the foundation is to honor the amateur game of football with emphasis on academics.

Fromeyer, a senior at Bay High, was stellar both on the field and in the classroom. He was a three-year starter for the Tigers at linebacker and fullback and was named to the All-Division 7 Class 4A team for his performances. Fromeyer is also a member of the inaugural All-Sea Coast Echo football team. Other campus activities include DECA, soccer team, French Honor Society, powerlifting team, track team, and senior class officer. He has scored a 30 on the ACT and plans to study psychology.

Wilson, a two-year starter for the Hawks, was also a member of the inaugural All-Sea Coast Echo football team. He has scored a 25 on the ACT and has achieved the Principal's List at Hancock. He was named the Most Valuable Offensive Lineman in the annual Shrimp Bowl in 2000. He is a member of the powerlifting and track teams at Hancock, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Chess Club. Wilson intends to play college

football for the Millsaps Majors in Jackson while studying political science and history.

Wagner, the senior middle linebacker for Pass Christian, is ranked #9 in his class and has scored a 21 on his ACT. He was named team captain this past year and earned All-Division and All-Sea Coast Echo accolades. He is a member of Mu Alpha Theta and the baseball team at Pass Christian. He intends to study accounting in college.

Jerry Alexander, head coach at Moss Point High School, won the annual Frank "Twig" Branch Coaches Award. The 25-year coaching veteran won his fourth state title this past season when his Moss Point Tigers defeated Clinton in Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium for the trophy.

Alexander's overall record as a head coach is 101-23 since 1991 when he took over as head coach. Alexander stated that he never talks winning with his team. He always talks about attitude, self-discipline, character, and integrity. His acronym for T.E.A.M. stands for "Together Everybody Achieves More."

This marks the fourth time that Alexander has won the coveted award. He joins a list of other memorable coaches like J.E. Loiacano of Bay High, Irvin Favre of Hancock North Central, Hugh Pepper of Ocean Springs, Billy Miller of Moss Point, and Bill Matthews of Pascagoula.

Damarius Bilbo of Moss Point, won the Rocky Byrd Award, that symbolizes the top quarterback in the region. Bilbo signed a National Letter of Intent to play for Georgia Tech University after winning the state title this past gridiron season.

Bilbo was recruited by just about every Division I school. He was named a Prep All-American and passed for 4,412

Bay bids on tournaments

Mayor Eddie Favre has given the go-ahead to Recreation Director Gus McKay to start preparation of the city's presentation to the national board of directors for Dixie Girls Softball to host a 2002 World Series in four age groups.

"Landing a World Series tournament and perhaps two would be a great boon to the city's reputation and boost the late-summer economy."

"Our recreation and public works departments have worked hard to keep softball fields at McDonald Park in tip-top shape to meet the needs of summer recreation and school team use. Visiting officials were quite impressed," said Favre.

McKay and citizen Lonnie Fagout, are currently awaiting the bid package from the

yards and 46 touchdowns in his career at Moss Point. He was named the Dick Butkus National Player of the Year, the Gatorade Circle of Champions Mississippi Player of the Year, and the Most Valuable Player in the state title game.

Bilbo stated that the best way to lead was by example. The examples he wanted to leave at Moss Point were character and trustworthiness.

The Award of Merit is given to an individual that excels, in every aspect of the word, in their profession. The 2001 winner was Jerry Gundlach of Gulfport. He joins a list of previous winners such as Lindy Callahan of Gulfport, Leo W. Seal, Jr. of Bay St. Louis, and Bert Jenkins of Gulfport.

The Contributions to Amateur Football Award goes to an individual who over time has gone above and beyond the call of duty to promote the amateur game.

The 2001 winner is Willie Chestang of Moss Point. He joins a list of previous winners such as Judge Gaston Hewes, Sr. of Gulfport, Mitchell Salloum of Gulfport, Dr. Marion J. Wolfe, Sr. of Bay St. Louis, and Larry LaFontaine of Pass Christian.

The Distinguished American Award is given to an individual who separates themselves from others by upholding American values and aiding to the betterment of society through the amateur game. The 2001 winner in Montie Richards of Pascagoula.

Richards is a 1949 graduate of Pascagoula High School and a former teammate of both Rocky Byrd and Twig Branch. He joins a list of previous winners such as T.D. "Dobie" Holden of Poplarville, John A. "Baby Grand" Seaside of Bay St. Louis, Leo W. Seal, Jr. of Bay St. Louis, and Dr. Robert Khayat, chancellor of the University of Mississippi in Oxford.

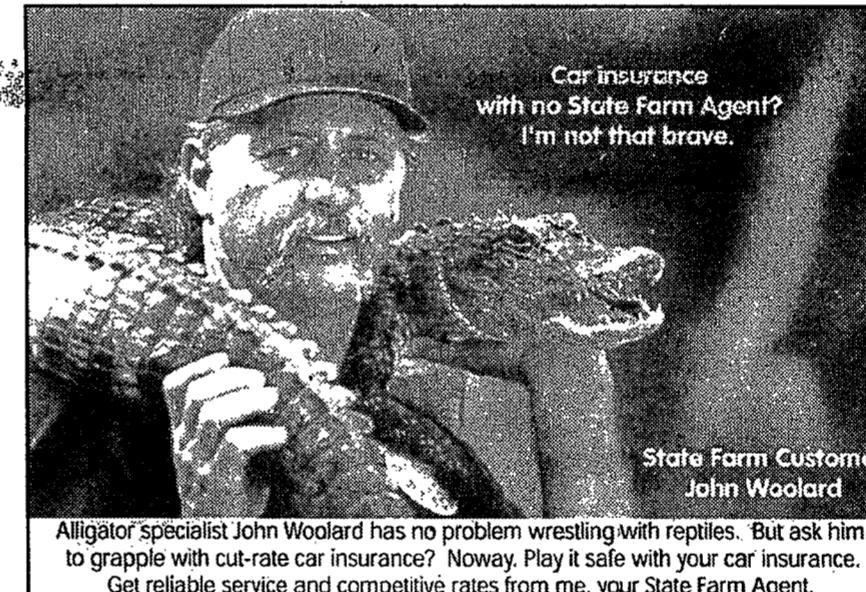
Tigers Roar Over Sun Coast Conference

The Bay Waveland Middle School 7th and 8th grade Tigers rolled over their competition to take the Sun Coast Conference District Title in basketball. With a record of 18 wins and only one loss, the tigers mauled the competition. The Tigers soared to success under the direction of Coach Edmond Bradley. Coach Bradley states that the key to their successful season was their ability to play great defensive games. Because of the excellent talent on the Tiger team, Coach Bradley expects many winning seasons in their future. Bottom Row Left to Right: Anthony James, Trevor Adam, Brick Basinger, Jason Sims, Chris Billingsly, Don Coe Top Row L to R: Anthony Marino, Jeremy Thomas, George Easley, Daniel Lyrick, Damon Adolf, and Nathaniel Harvey. Not Pictured: Javon Williams and Norman Wilks.



Lady Tigers Win Sun Coast Conference Title

The Bay Waveland Middle School Lady Tigers, under the direction of Coach Debbie Triplet, completed their season with a 16-1 record, and they brought home the trophy for being named the Sun Coast Conference Champions. The girls and Coach Triplet worked really hard to have a wonderful season and the future looks bright for even more championships and trophies for these girls. As a matter of fact, their planning and preparation have already begun. Left to Right: (Bottom Row) Tamara Reed, Manager; Anna Stuart, Whitley Cann, Nicole Eley, Crystal Scratching, Whitney Booker, (Top Row) Kendra Reed, Juanita Easley, Candasha Osterholm, Cajavis Clark, Whitney Gladney, Sara Gilmore, Whitney Favre.



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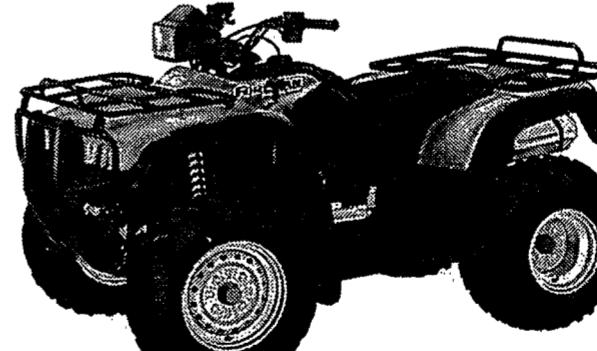
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MARTEIL WILLIAMS
OTIS MILAN WINNARD

GEORGE ARMSTRONG
 George Wesley Armstrong, 77, of Diamondhead, died Friday, April 20, 2001 in Gulfport.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis, is in charge of the arrangements.

DYMPLES S. LEE
 Dymples S. Lee, 65, of Waveland, died Saturday, April 21, 2001 in Waveland.

Her body was sent from the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, to the Huett Winstead Funeral Home in Hattiesburg, MS for services and burial.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of local arrangements.

JACQUELINE MERRIAM
 Jacqueline W. Merriam, 70, of Ocean Springs, died Wednesday, April 18, 2001, in Biloxi.

Mrs. Merriam was a native of Orlando, Fla. and a longtime resident of the Gulf Coast. She was the former owner of the Biloxi-Gulfport Amusement Park and was a member of the Fellowship Chapter of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vince Walton; and a brother, Vince A. Walton, Jr.

Survivors include her husband, Edward V. Merriam of Ocean Springs; a daughter, Vicki Merriam Phillips of Waveland; a son, Vince Merriam of Gautier; a sister, Eleanor Davis of Long Beach; a brother, Arthur Walton of Orlando; a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter.

Graveside services were conducted Friday at Crestlawn Memorial Park in Ocean Springs directed by Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, Biloxi.

The family prefers memorials to the Joppa Temple, 13280 Miss. 67, Biloxi, MS 39532.

VINCENT MINNAERT
 Vincent Lawrence Minnaert, 78, of Diamondhead, died Friday, April 20, 2001, in Diamondhead.

Arrangements are incomplete at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

DAVID SELLIER, JR.
 David G. "Dave" Sellier, Jr., 44, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, April 18, 2001, in Louisiana.

Mr. Sellier was president of Mississippi II Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Organization and member of Masonic Lodge 429 and American Legion Post 139 in Bay St. Louis. He was a retired police lieutenant with the Bay St. Louis Police Department.

He was preceded in death by his father, David G. Sellier, Sr. and his mother, Faye Rouchon.

Survivors include his wife, Deb Sellier; sons Derick Sellier, Mikey Sellier and Grannison Sellier, all of Bay St. Louis; daughter Daenya Sellier of Waveland and Jennifer Sellier of Bay St. Louis; brothers Steve Sellier of Titusville, Fla., Gary Sellier of Gonzales, La., and Mark Sellier of Calif.; a sister, Kathryn Matthews of Mandeville; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. Burial was private. The family prefers memorials to the David G. Sellier Memorial Fund in care of Peoples Bank.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM STAPLETON, JR.
 William Monroe "Coon" Stapleton, Jr., 60, of Long Beach, died Wednesday, April 18, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Stapleton was a Pass Christian native and a lifelong resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He was a commercial shrimper and a member of Antioch Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Roselyn Stapleton; a daughter, Tammy Stapleton; his parents, William and Ida M.

Cuevas Stapleton; two sisters, Margaret Shoemaker and Terese Bursell; and a brother, Floyd Stapleton, Sr.

Survivors include a son, William Karl Stapleton of Pass Christian; a daughter, Janet Allen of Saucier; four brothers, Mike Stapleton and Ike Stapleton, both of Pass Christian, Levon Stapleton of Lucedale and Robert Stapleton of Bayou LaBatre, Ala.; three sisters, Mrs. Harold (Rose) Ryals, Mrs. Gilbert (Brenda) Cuevas, both of Long Beach, and Mrs. Everett (Diane) Leander of Saucier; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation was Saturday at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian followed by services at Rotten Bayou Cemetery in Hancock County.

MARTEIL WILLIAMS
 Marteil Paulk Williams of Waveland died Thursday, April 29, 2001.

Mrs. Williams was born in Oicilla, Ga., Sept. 25, 1910 and had lived in Waveland for 45 years. She was the owner of Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe and the Driftwood Motel. She attended Breneau College in Gainesville, Fla. She was well-known for her artwork, and she was a member of the Fitzgerald Primitive Baptist Church in Oicilla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Royce Clayton Williams; her father, Jacob R. Paulk; her mother, Leecy Jane Branch Paulk; six brothers, Vincent, Albert, Eston, Dewey, Sam and Marshall; and four sisters, Ommye Rice, Anne Goodloe, Autrey Rutherford and Jane Bailey.

Survivors include two daughters and their husbands, Julia Ann and Luke J. Caruso of Waveland, and Jane and Douglas Duncan, Jr. of Columbus, Ga.; seven grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service. Interment was in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to the charity of one's choice.

OTIS MILAN WINNARD
 Otis Milan Winnard, 82, died Thursday, April 19, 2001, in Pass Christian.

He was employed at Ingall's Shipbuilding Corp., Pascagoula, Mississippi for 30 years as a material sourcing specialist in the Material Sourcing and Requisitioning Department.

He is survived by his wife,

Mary; one son, Milan Cole Winnard; and one grandson,

Milan Martin Winnard, both of

Gulfport; two brothers, Dr.

Carmen Winnard of Nashville,

Tennessee and Jules Winnard

of Antioch, Tennessee.

Visitation will be held

Tuesday, April 24, 2001 from

10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. at

Christ Episcopal Church, Bay

St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, is in charge of the arrangements.

The Family Prefers in Lieu of Flowers, Donations be made to Christ Episcopal Book of Remembrance, 912 South Beach, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

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Are you an artist? Can you play a musical instrument? Or do you have aspirations of becoming an actor? The University of Mississippi is offering graduating high school seniors the opportunity to explore a variety of artistic programs this summer.

The Art Institute provides an in-depth study of art history and hands-on introduction to various media in the visual arts.

Students earn six hours of college credit by taking an art history class and one other course, which is designed for art students and taught by an artist.

Students experience drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture during their study. They also take field trips to view exhibits at area museums and talk with established artists about their own work.

The Music Institute, designed to enhance the musical training of students interested in various aspects of music, both vocally and instrumentally, encourages talent through the study of music lit-

erature and performance.

Students enroll in a basic music class and may participate in the concert band, jazz band or music theater workshop, and they also may opt to take individual lessons in voice or instrument. A recital is held enabling students to showcase their talents.

The dates for the Art and Music institutes coincide with UM's summer school. The first session runs May 28-June 29, and the second summer session is July 1-Aug. 3.

The Theatre Arts Institute is held during the second summer session only, and it is intended for students who have an interest in drama. Whether experienced or not, students are encouraged to develop skills and understand the dramatic arts.

Participants may earn up to six hours of college credit by taking two theater classes: One course emphasizes theater as a performance art, and the other teaches the basic techniques of acting for the modern stage. Furthermore, students help

with the set, props, lights, sound and other backstage jobs of the university's summer productions and may appear in a production. Field trips to attend productions at other locations are planned.

Admission requirements vary, but a minimum grade-point average of 3.2 on at least 15 academic courses is required among all programs, as well as letters of recommendation from teachers and principals.

Students are housed in a residence hall with other Ole Miss students, who act as their counselors and mentors, and professional staff members are available to students 24 hours a day.

All participants accepted into a program receive a partial tuition scholarship. The balance of the cost is estimated at \$850 for remaining tuition, room, meal plan and supplies where needed.

Some full scholarships based on need and merit are available. Weekend meals, books and spending money are the responsibility of the student. Finances should not prevent a student from applying to any program.

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In an effort to answer all of the questions the public may have on gardening, the counties of Hancock and Harrison have joined to sponsor three nightly sessions to address the concerns of gardeners on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Entitled "Coastal Home Gardening" the three classes will be Thursday, May 10, Thursday, May 17 and Thursday, May 24 in the Mississippi Power Auditorium in Gulfport at 2992 West Beach Blvd.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and the classes will start at 6 p.m. and last until 8 p.m.

These sessions are open to all home gardeners for an admission fee of \$7 for all three classes, but since space is limited, everyone must pre-register by sending a check for \$7, made out to the Master Gardeners of Harrison County, and mailed to the Harrison County Extension

Office at P.O. Drawer Z, Gulfport, MS 39502-0045.

Include your name, address and telephone number on all applications which must be received by May 4.

Presenting the program will be Chance McDavid, the county agent for the Harrison County Extension Office; Patrick LaNasa, currently serving as president of the Mississippi Master Gardeners Association, and Bob Stalnecker, a master gardener.

Although these sessions are open to the public, the information will be provided to home gardeners and not to businesses.

For information, call Patrick LaNasa at 255-8735.

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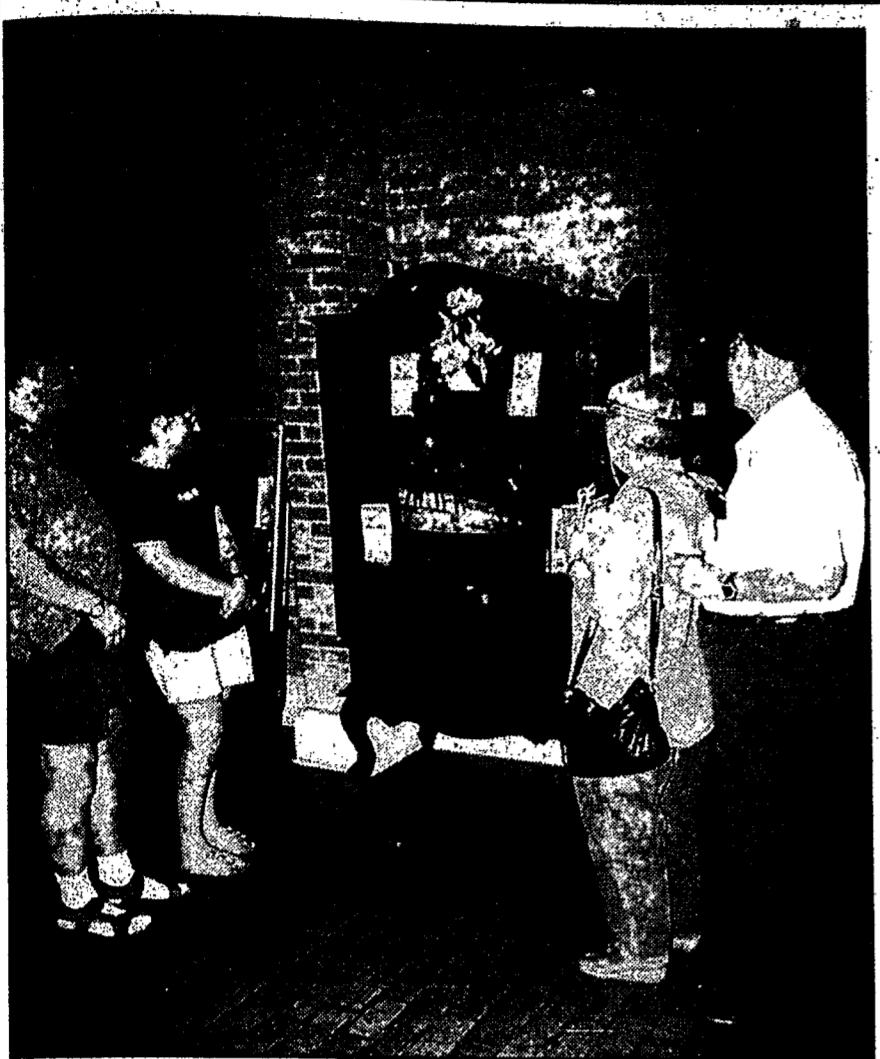
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BUSINESS NEWS



FGH files for bankruptcy protection

Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. (NYSE: FGH) announced Thursday that it had filed a petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

The petition, which allows for reorganization of the company's debts, was filed in the Bankruptcy Court of the Southern District of Mississippi.

Thirty-one subsidiaries of the company that are co-borrowers or guarantors under the company's Amended and Restated

Loan and Security Agreement, dated October 24, 2000, plan to file petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11.

Concurrent with these filings, the company is initiating efforts to achieve a comprehensive restructuring of its obligations with all its creditors.

The objective of this restructuring will be to position the company to emerge from Chapter 11 with an improved capital structure and sufficient resources to carry on its business.

Chamber After Hours Thursday at BWYC

Cellular South and Bay-Waveland Yacht Club are the sponsors for the April Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours.

The event will take place Thursday, April 26, 5-7 p.m. at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, 697 North Beach Boulevard in Bay St. Louis.

Admission requires two business cards from Chamber members and their guests.

Welcome center announces promotional tourism video

The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau has announced the new creation of a promotional video that will inform approximately 700,000 visitors to the county each year.

The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau and Fun Coast Enterprises are producing a promotional video to promote local businesses and tourist-related features of the county. It will cover all areas of Hancock County and is designed to steer tourists into our area. The video will be placed in the Hancock County Welcome Center on I-10. The

display features a beautiful cabinet with a large screen television and brochure racks.

The video will run continuously and will be from 8 to 10 minutes in length. It will show about 70 times a day, 500 times a week, 26,000 times a year.

Copies of this video will also be distributed for promotional purposes through the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau.

Fifty percent of the video will be generic, featuring activities, shopping, sports, historical sites, entertainment and accommodations available for tourists in Hancock County. The other 50% will be devoted to advertising of tourism-related businesses.

For more information, contact the tourist bureau at 463-9222.

Wellman announces promotions

Wellman, Inc., with headquarters in Shrewsbury, N.J., recently promoted two new corporate officers.

Audrey Goodman was named vice president and treasurer. In her new role she will have responsibility for developing and maintaining the company's relationships with a broad group of financial institutions. She will continue to work closely with the company's chief financial officer. She is a resident of Middletown, N.J. and formerly was assistant treasurer and manager of Treasury Services.

Marie Cavallo assumes the position of assistant treasurer and will be responsible for coordinating the treasury's ongoing operations and its interface with the accounting department. She is a certified public accountant and a resident of East Brunswick, N.J.

Wellman is the largest U.S. polyester fiber manufacturer, the third largest North American PET resin manufacturer and world's largest PET plastic recycler.

Wellman is listed on the NYSE (WLM) and also has operations in Ireland, France and The Netherlands.

Bank, association to help teach children to save

On Tuesday, April 24, employees from The Peoples Bank will start kids at local schools on the path to a positive financial future by participating in the fifth annual National Teach Children to Save Day (NTCSD), a nationwide event to teach kids their financial ABCs.

"While today's kids can receive e-mail through their cell phones or use a CD-ROM to do their home work, many don't know the basics of saving and money management," said Chevis Swetman, president of The Peoples Bank.

"Studies show that people who learn to save early in life usually make smarter financial decisions later. National Teach Children to Save Day starts kids off on the right path to saving for their future."

Sponsored by the Americans Bankers Association Education Foundation (ABAEF), National Teach Children to Save Day is a day in April when bankers make presentations in schools across the country to students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

On April 24, The Peoples Bank employees will teach children about money and savings, covering topics such as budgeting, the difference between needs and wants, why it's important to save for emergencies and how interest makes money grow. Students will have an opportunity to apply concepts and practices through and other hands-on activities.

"Bankers are experts at saving and investing, so it's a natural fit for them to visit classrooms to teach students how their money can grow," said Donald G. Ogilvie, executive vice president of the American Bankers Association. "Students who become smart savers today can become smart investors and money managers tomorrow."

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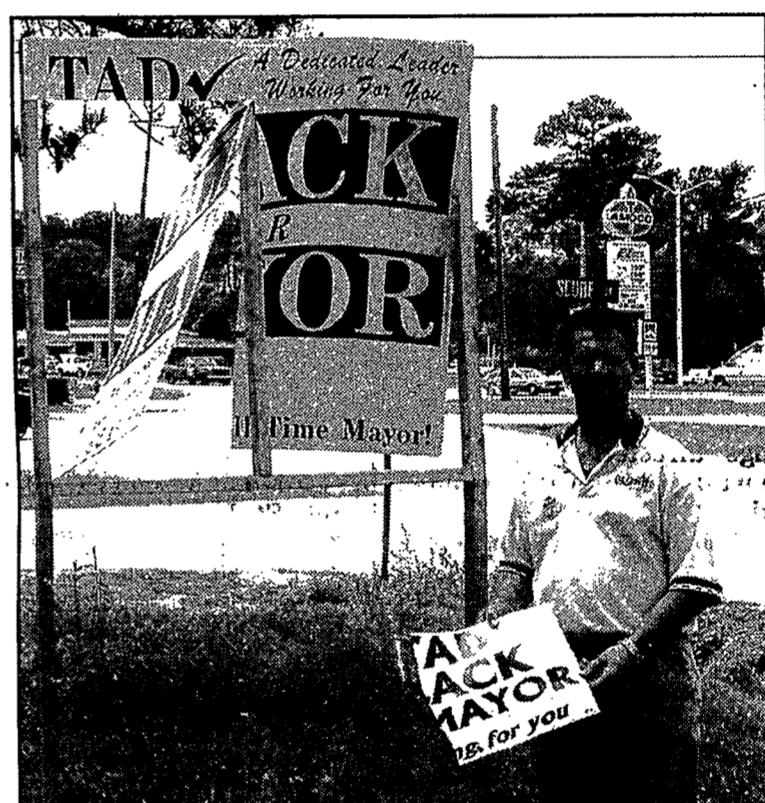
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I do not know who has done this and I certainly don't know why. At this point and time it doesn't matter. What does matter is that I have worked very hard to let everyone in this great town of Bay St. Louis, my home, know why I am the man to fill the position of mayor. The events of this week just give me more of a reason to continue our campaign of truth.

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Track -- Port Bienville

said Deakle. "Using our own funds, it would have taken up to three or four years to complete the upgrade."

The gift may be a symbol of more cooperative efforts to come, triggered by a recently enacted state law.

In the last session, legislation was passed to allow county port commissions and economic development agencies to partner with private business to jointly pay for infrastructure structure improvements.

Deakle said the new law should attract new tenants to roads, drainage and other infrastructure needed to Port Bienville and help develop a high-tech park which the Commission wants to build near the Stennis International Airport.

"It's something we have needed for a long time, and other states had the law in place years ago. This now makes us more competitive," said Deakle. The legislation still needs to pass muster of state attorney General Mike Moore's office, but Deakle doesn't see a problem.

Another bill that authorizes \$40 million for the state to purchase and upgrade Kansas City Southern rail tracks from the port of Gulfport to Hattiesburg should help Port Bienville too, Deakle said.

An agreement signed with the major railroads about three years ago allows short-line railroads, like ours, to interchange with other short-line railroads within a 50-mile radius," Deakle explained.

"Products that are normally trucked from Port Bienville in three or four trucks can now be shipped in one railcar," said Deakle. "That takes those trucks off the road, and also cuts delivery time from three to four days down to one day." He said Hattiesburg also has rail links to other major railroads, including Norfolk Southern and CNIC, in addition to Kansas City Southern.

Deakle is also excited that Port Bienville has gained approval of \$487,980 in federal highway Intermodal Connector Funds channeled to Mississippi's Department of Transportation. The port plans

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to put up another \$278,000 as its match to enlarge, pave and light an existing 2.2-acre container storage area now used by Linea Peninsula. The new yard will be expanded to 5.5 acres, he said.

The state legislature also created a multi-modal transportation fund, but Deakle said the initial \$5 million earmarked for the program was not funded.

If it is eventually funded, Deakle said state ports, airports, publicly-owned railroads and mass transit would share in the money. Under a formula worked out, publicly-owned railroads would get 12 percent of available revenue.

Deakle said another bill passed by the legislature would provide funding to pay for upgrades to rail crossings connected with economic development projects through grants provided by the Mississippi Development Authority.

"We're hoping to get this funding to raise and upgrade the rail crossing on the eastern end of Lower Bay Road," Deakle said.

Gulf -- top two projects

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at the River House at Stennis Space Center on Thursday. Representatives from many state and local organizations including the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Hancock County Board of Supervisors, University of Southern Mississippi College of Marine Science, Mississippi Nature Conservancy, Department of Marine Resources, and the state Department of Environmental Quality came together to vote on 18 proposed projects for the state.

Out of the four top-ranked projects, two are in Hancock County. Tied for second place with Jackson County's wastewater collection and treatment recommendations project was the project for planning and completing the county's strategic plan for "smart growth."

"Smart growth is not 'no growth' or 'slow growth,'" said Hancock County Chamber's Smart Growth Manager Sue

Chamberlain Thursday, "but a way of growing in a way that we work on alleviating environmental problems rather than creating them."

"It comes down to quality of life -- if a developer goes into a neighborhood and clears all the trees, we don't want to live there, so now people are beginning to think about what raises the quality of life and it will require a complete change in paradigms on many levels."

The project asked for \$45,000 from GMP.

Ranked third in the list of projects was pathogen removal/wastewater infrastructure for Kiln. Planners asked for financial assistance from GMP in the amount of \$46,000 to assist the community in implementing the county's strategic wastewater plan and assistance in conducting preliminary planning for the most effective and cost-efficient collection system.

At present, the community

has about 10,000 inadequately-sewered residences in a watershed that drains into the Jourdan River. Segments of the river from the mouth of the St. Louis Bay to the Kiln area have been reported by Mississippi DEQ as "impaired for pathogen contamination." Experts evaluating the situation believe that the installation of a central collection, integrated with the county wide treatment system expansion underway will have a substantial impact on reducing or eliminating these impairments, a report with the project proposal said.

DEQ's monitoring to establish reference conditions for nutrients and algae conditions in area waters was ranked the number one project for 2002. The project will seek to determine causes, effects, and the extent of water quality impairment from nutrient enrichment, primarily nitrogen, phosphorus, and chlorophyll-alpha symbol.

Computer -- Hancock schools

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Superintendent of Education Mike Ladner told board members a teacher had inadvertently left her computer in her car, and had left the car unlocked. The computer was subsequently stolen, Ladner said, "but she will pay the deductible."

Although the laptops are insured, Ladner said, the insurance company looks at each situation on a case-by-case basis to determine if the district must reimburse the entire \$1,500 or just the deductible.

"We've had about six teacher laptops stolen ..." Ladner said. "We're working on a system to keep them locked up."

He said district staff members are also devising a plan whereby all the computers will be stored in a central location and teachers and students will check them out as-needed, rather than hauling them back and forth between home and school.

And, Ladner said, "We'll have teachers include in their lesson plans activities that require the use of the StudyPro."

"Most of the time," Easter said, the computers "spend half the year in maintenance ... Most of the kids don't use them at all."

District Four board member

Peggy Haas Ladner asked Ladner to provide a report on the maintenance of the computers and the cost to the district at the board's next meeting.

In other action Thursday, the board:

- Approved the certified teacher pay scale for the 2001-2002 school year. The teacher pay scale for the Hancock County district was modified due to a state-mandated \$500 annual wage increase for all teachers with less than 25 years' experience; and \$1,000 increase for all teachers with 25 or more years' experience.

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Music, across Hogan to Waveland Avenue. Before advertising for the bids an engineers report must be submitted to the health department for approval. The project would be done "in house" and materials would cost about \$40,000, said Public Works Director Ray Eaton.

A special meeting will be held next Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Waveland City Hall Annex to discuss a proposed \$3 million bond issue. The funds could be used to finance several projects such as the renovation of the Civic Center on Coleman Ave.

OLA Jr. class hosts spaghetti fundraiser

The junior class of Our Lady Academy will host a spaghetti dinner to raise funds to assist in furnishing the new buildings on campus.

Chef Neil Favre will be preparing the meal to be held Thursday, April 26, 2001, between 5 and 7 p.m. in the Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center.

The menu will include spaghetti and meatballs, cole slaw and french bread for \$5. Tickets may be purchased from an OLA junior and or at the door. Ice tea, soft drinks and desserts will be available for 50 cents each.

Take-outs will be available. Please help the junior class in this fundraising effort by joining us Thursday, April 26, 2001.

Frantic search for abducted Slidell girl continues on Coast

Police are looking for a white man driving a white van, who is believed to have abducted an 11-year-old girl, Lisa Bruno, outside her home in Slidell on Monday.

A sibling saw Lisa giving directions to the man while the two were picking blackberries. The sister walked around the bush to reach berries and when

she looked up, Lisa was gone, an aunt said.

Lisa was wearing a purple tank top, denim shorts and sandals. She has a birthmark on her neck, dark brown hair and brown eyes. She wears glasses with dolphins on them. Anyone having information should contact Slidell police at 1-985-643-3131.

Pass annual Blessing is next Sunday

BY ED LEPOMA
STAFF WRITER

Pass Christian's annual Blessing of the Fleet is scheduled Sunday, April 29.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the celebration, and organizers promise a good time will be had by those on land and at sea.

The blessing this year is dedicated to the memory of the late Clarence Peterson, a well-known Pass Christian fisherman.

Festivities began at noon on the east side of the Municipal Harbor, and continue until 4 p.m. Keith Hoda and the Country Sounds will again provide the music, and there will be

plenty to eat, including hot dogs, hamburgers and polish sausages.

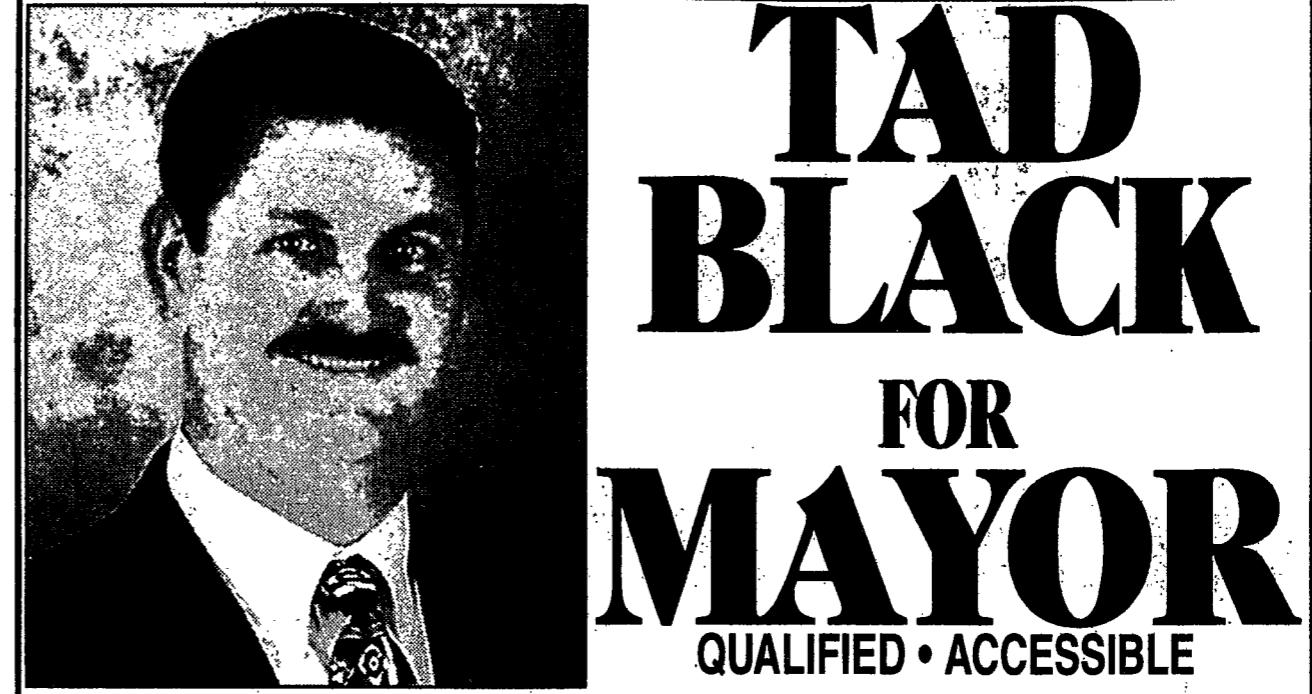
Judges for this year's blessing are: state Reps. Diane Peranich and Jim Simpson, state Sen. Scottie Cuevas, Harrison County Chancery Court Clerk John McAdams; and Joe Zeigler, chief of staff of the state Department of Marine Resources.

Father Dennis Carver of St. Paul's Catholic Church and the Rev. Kyle Bennett of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Long Beach will bless the boats

passing in parade from the deck of John Dane's Showdown yacht.

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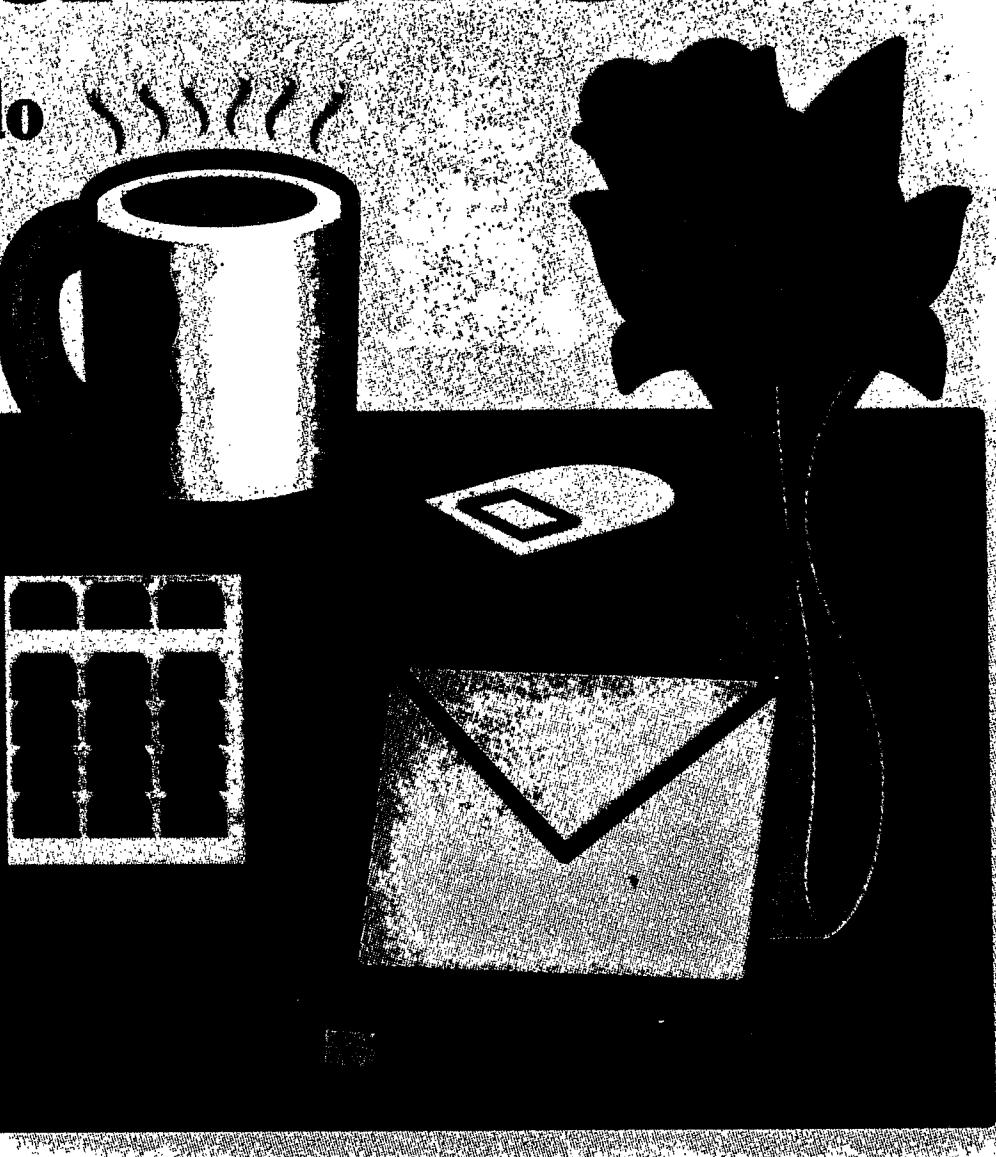
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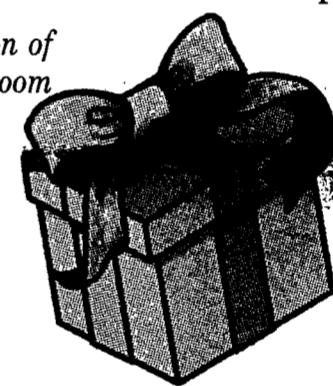
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Verbenas steal the show in MS gardens



Southern Gardening
By Norman Winter
MSU Horticulturist
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If the varieties Aztec, Babylon and Tukana don't ring a bell with you, they should. These are among the best new verbenas that will be in the market this spring. If you look around now, you will see verbenas stealing the show in many flowerbeds.

Thanks to new introductions of the past few years, we no longer think of verbenas as being a powdery mildew- and insect-infested flower.

These new verbenas have performed admirably in the trials at the Truck Crops Branch Experiment Station in Crystal Springs and other sites, too. In the face of the horrid summer last year, these troopers kept blooming and caught everyone's eye at the Fall Flower and Garden Fest last October.

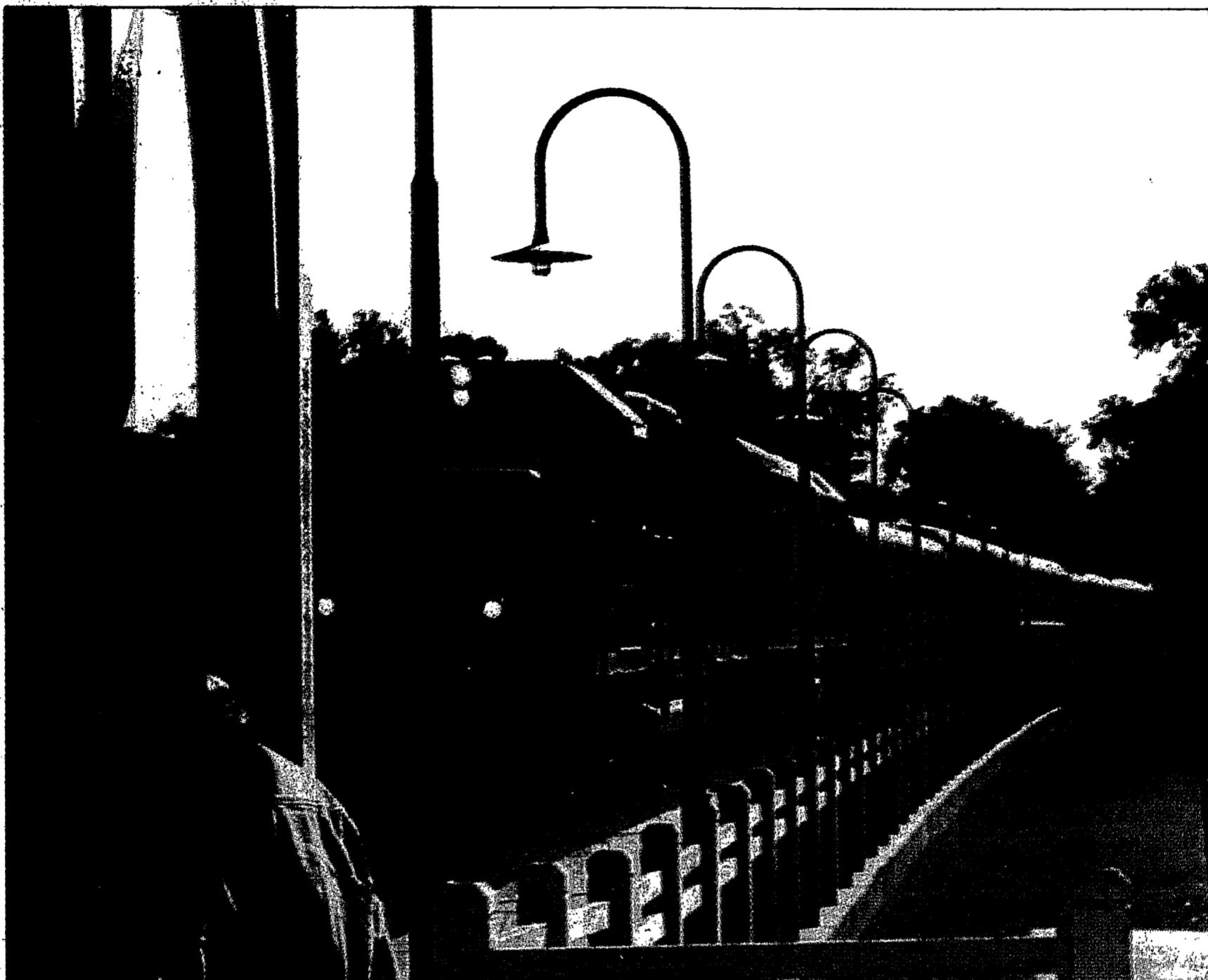
The Aztec series is being introduced by Ball FloraPlant, a vegetative division of Ball Seed. The Aztecs may be noted for having the most blazing red of perennial-type verbenas. The purple is deep, dark and saturated in color.

Other colors are deep lavender improved, plum and rose pink improved. These trailing, spreading verbenas will work in the landscape and containers. Proven Winners in Bonsall, Calif., is bringing the Babylon series to the consumer, although S&G Novartis developed it.

The Babylon offer the best mildew resistance and an incredible number of flowers.

GARDEN--PAGE 2B

Operation: Lifesaver!



The CSX "Operation Lifesaver" train pulls into the old Depot in Bay St. Louis Thursday to transport area emergency officials to Gentilly Station in New Orleans. The trip was intended to spread Operation Lifesaver's message about rail-highway safety.



Car host John Alcazy orients passengers Thursday about the trip.



There are areas of Hancock County you can only reach by rail or boat. You could probably walk, too, but there are plenty of gators and snakes to discourage you.

Strangers on a train learn to respect it

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

There is a mystery to trains, a power you can't understand unless you've ridden one — or seen the devastating effect a speeding locomotive can have on anything unlucky enough to get in its way.

That's why Operation Lifesaver and CSX worked together Thursday to take more than 100 area officials and emergency workers on a ride from Ocean Springs to Gentilly Station in New Orleans.

Operation Lifesaver bills itself as "an active, continuous public information and education program to help prevent and reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities and improve driver performance at the nation's 300,000 public and private highway-rail grade crossings."

The organization was formed in 1972, and works with 49 state coordinators and "thousands of volunteers" to inform people about train/highway safety.

Thursday's trip was entertaining as well as informative, giving passengers the opportunity to see parts of Hancock County and eastern Louisiana most people never see.

The vistas included marshes, swamps, bayous, lakes and canals — both natural and man-made — along with every conceivable type of indigenous wildlife.

Hawks, cranes, ducks, turtles, snakes, gators, armadillos, nutria, wild boar and even wild dogs have apparently learned to live in harmony with the railroad.

Unfortunately, according to Operation Lifesaver's Mississippi Coordinator Marilyn B. Davis, the same can't always be said for human beings.

The following are some statistics and reminders from Operation Lifesaver:

- Mississippi ranks 11th in the nation in the number of collisions at highway-rail intersections, according to preliminary statistics.

TRAIN--PAGE 4A

Ode to a finny friend: 'Why, Hello There, Mr. Catfish'

Why hello there, Mr. Catfish, won't you join me, please, for lunch.* Make yourself real comfy, relax and set right there. I'll get us all some butter and bring us back some beer.

It's good to have you, Mr. Catfish, good to have you here for lunch. Why you look right spicy Mr. Catfish, You're dressed plumb tasteful, too. With that lemon on your henny, with that corn flour covering you.

Yes, sir, Mr. Catfish, it's right nice you've stayed for lunch. I can't think of nothing better, nothing half as sweet and dear, As you served here before me with some hot sauce and some beer.

-- Willey Murke, 1911

Stella came home the other night tired and, rather than have her make dinner, I suggested going out for supper.

Friends had told us about a place down by Bayou Caddy that was supposed to be very good and, most important, since I was going to have to pay for our outing, inexpensive.

It was less than a block from the sea wall, on the road before the railroad tracks in an old cinder block building that I remember used to sell fish.

Inside was as equally unpretentious, some tables and chairs and a general sort of seafood motif. There were only two other couples beside ourselves, and after saying good evening, we sat and looked at the menu.

Since it was our first time there and it had a seafood theme, Stella ordered the seafood platter and I ordered a large catfish sandwich and some beer. I have a secret pas-

sion for fresh fish sandwiches, and I felt that this would be a good test of the restaurant.

When our food came, I found our friend's advice had been good; it was delicious. The secret was that the food had obviously been cooked to order, and cooked from fresh ingredients. The batter on both Stella's seafood and my catfish was exceptionally good. We were happy and gobbled it all down. The price was equally as nice. We decided we'd come back.

As we drove home along the seawall, Stella asked me what I thought the fish was in her seafood platter.

"Sea trout?"

"Nope, catfish."

"Catfish in a seafood plate?"

"Yep, fresh water, just-pulled-out-of-the-pond catfish. But, it was very good catfish, so I guess it doesn't really make much difference."

Catfish!

If the pelican wasn't already the official bird of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, I'm sure someone would have slapped some dihedral wings on a catfish and nominated it.

In fact there well may be some type of tie between the two. Not too long ago, some catfish farmers were hauled into court for shooting pelicans that were raiding their ponds. It didn't matter that the pelicans were doing serious financial damage to the farmers, the thought of anyone shooting at a pelican was outrageous and the men were heavily fined.

So pelicans have a taste for catfish too. But that should come as no surprise. It seems that as if everyone does. We have catfish on the menu of all the restaurants along the Coast and, if that wasn't enough, we have beaucoup all-you-can-eat catfish places as well. I'm told, deep inside, north of I-10, there



Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estranza La Violette
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are some catfish places even as far as Picayune!

People around here just like their catfish; there is no getting away from it.

Maybe it's because we don't commercially fish for salt-water fish in the Mississippi Sound. We go hog wild on catching every shrimp that wiggles out of the bayous, every crab that dances on the bottom and then we dig up that bottom to get at the oysters that are there. But we do very little commercial fishing per se.

Most of our commercial boats are dual purpose. They can be used as either a shrimper or as an oysterman according to the



CATFISH--PAGE 4B

What's for Lunch?

Sept. 18-22

MENUS

APRIL 23-27

Bay St. Louis-
Waveland
School District
Chef Salad, Milk
and Condiments
served daily
BREAKFASTMonday: Glazed Donut,
Assorted Cereal, Toast, JuiceTuesday: Sausage and
Biscuit, Assorted Cereal, Toast,
Fruit JuiceWednesday: French Toast
Sticks, Assorted Cereal, Toast,
Fruit JuiceThursday: Sausage and
Biscuit, Assorted Cereal, Toast,
Fruit JuiceFriday: Breakfast Pizza,
Assorted Cereal, Toast, Juice
LUNCHMonday: Macaroni and
Cheese with Ham, BBQ Pork on
Bun, Buttered Corn, Baked
Beans, Fresh Apple, Tropical
Fruit Mix, Rice Krispie TreatTuesday: Chili and Grilled
Cheese, Steak Sandwich with
Trimmings, Coleslaw, Peas and
Carrots, Peach Slices, Fresh
Orange Smiles, Crackers,
Chewy Fudge BrownieWednesday: Red Beans and
Rice with Sausage, Chicken
Sandwich with Trimmings,
Seasoned Potato Cuts, Seasoned
Green Beans, Fresh Banana,
Strawberry Blend, Mexican
CornbreadThursday: Chili Cheese
Fritos, American Sub Sandwich,
Green Peas, Carrot Sticks with
Dip, Fruit Cocktail, Fresh Fruit
Bowl, Jell-O CakeFriday: Beef Patty with
Rice and Gravy, Sloppy Joe,
Seasoned Lima Beans, Garden
Salad with Dressing, Chilled
Pear Slices, Applesauce, Yeast
RollHancock
North Central
GulfviewCharles B. Murphy
and East Hancock
Elementary SchoolsServed daily:
Bread, Dessert, Milk
and Condiments

BREAKFAST

Monday: Breakfast Pizza,
JuiceTuesday: Sausage Biscuit,
Juice

Wednesday: Flapstick, Juice

Thursday: Cheese Toast,
JuiceFriday: Chicken Pattie
Biscuit, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Lasagna, Foot-long
Hot Dog, Parsled Potatoes,
Green Peas, Raw Veggies, Peach
Slices, Fruit Juice, Garlic
Bread, PuddingTuesday: Chicken Nuggets,
Salisbury Steak, Creamed
Potatoes, Seasoned Green
Beans, Tossed Salad, Applesauce,
Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls,
Crackers, Fruit CrispWednesday: Spaghetti with
Meat Sauce, Cheesburger, Chef
Salad, French Fries, Cheesy
Broccoli, Whole Kernel Corn,
Chilled Peaches, Fruit Juice,
Garlic Bread, Crackers, Oatmeal-
Raisin CookieThursday: Fried Chicken,
Hamburger, Chef Salad, CheesyMashed Potatoes, Southern
Greens, Tossed Salad, Hot
Cinnamon Apples, Fruit Juice,
Yeast Roll, Crackers, GelatinFriday: Chicken Spaghetti,
Cheese Pizza, Spicy Fries,
Broccoli Salad, Tossed Salad,
Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice,
Garlic Rolls, Devil's Food Cake

Hancock High

and Middle Schools

Served daily:
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Dessert, Milk
and Condiments

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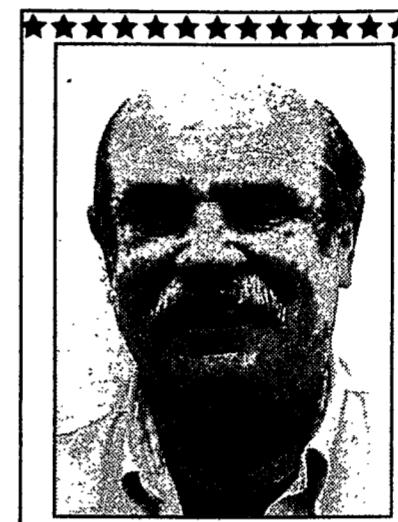
Monday: Lasagna,
Hamburger, Foot-long Hot Dog,
Parsled Potatoes, Green Peas,
Raw Veggies, Peach Slices, Fruit
Juice, Garlic Rolls, PuddingTuesday: Chicken Nuggets,
Pizza, Chef Salad, French Fries,
Cheesy Broccoli, Tossed Salad,
Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice,
Garlic Bread, Crackers, GelatinWednesday: Chicken
Spaghetti, Turkey Club, Chef
Salad, Tater Tots, Whole Kernel
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Raisin CookieFriday: Fish Nuggets, Pizza,
Chicken Sandwich, Spicy Fries,
Broccoli Salad, Tossed Salad,
Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice,
Yeast Roll, Pudding

All menus subject to change.

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Photo by Bob Hubbard
Members of the Hancock County Exchange Club teamed with Wal-Mart to present a check for \$2,800 to the Center for Prevention of Child Abuse last week. Exchange Club members sold chances for a Wal-Mart shopping spree to raise \$1,400, and Waveland Wal-Mart matched the funds. Pictured are Exchange Club President Joey Temples, left; Lisa Wilburn, director of the Center for Prevention of Child Abuse; Paulette McLain, a Wal-Mart representative; and Laurie Johnson of the Hancock County Court-Appointed Special Advocate program (CASA).



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Hancock
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The Hancock Women's Club recently held its luncheon meeting at Annie's Restaurant. President Amelia Killeen presided and welcomed members with news of two upcoming outings planned for the group.

On April 23, a bus trip is planned to visit the Anderson Museum in Ocean Springs with lunch at the Porter House and casual shopping. Price for the trip is \$24. On May 3, a trip to the zoo in New Orleans will take place. The group will go to New Orleans and then take a boat ride to the zoo. Members will "brown bag" it and return by bus. Cost of this trip is \$24.50. Anyone interested may call Amelia at 467-0589. Both trips depart at 8:15 a.m. at the Kmart parking area. Guests are welcome.

The next meeting will be May 10 at 10:30 a.m. There will be a "Spring Fling Hat Show," a display of hats made and modeled by the members. Guests are welcome.

Today, more than 20,000 adults are members of Great Books discussion groups, and nearly one million students participate in Junior Great Books groups for grades kindergarten through 12.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. The only requirement is that you read the selection before the meeting. For information, call Jeanne Pierce at 467-5282.

Today is the time to cut them back and side-dress with a little fertilizer. The verbena will send out new runners and give more blooms.

You may need to do this twice in a long growing season, but that is how you have verbena blooms in spring, summer and fall. Leaving those long stems will promote problems and make them look unsightly.

You will find that like their cousin the lantana, the perennial verbena will be feasted on regularly by swallowtail, monarch and fritillary butterflies.

Provide full sunlight, water and you are well on your way to enjoying one of the prettiest groups of flowers available. But there is one more important aspect to happiness with verbena.

These are vigorous plants that spread exceptionally well. They bloom for weeks and weeks, and then get a little tired. Although they'll still have a few blossoms, they'll look a little weak.

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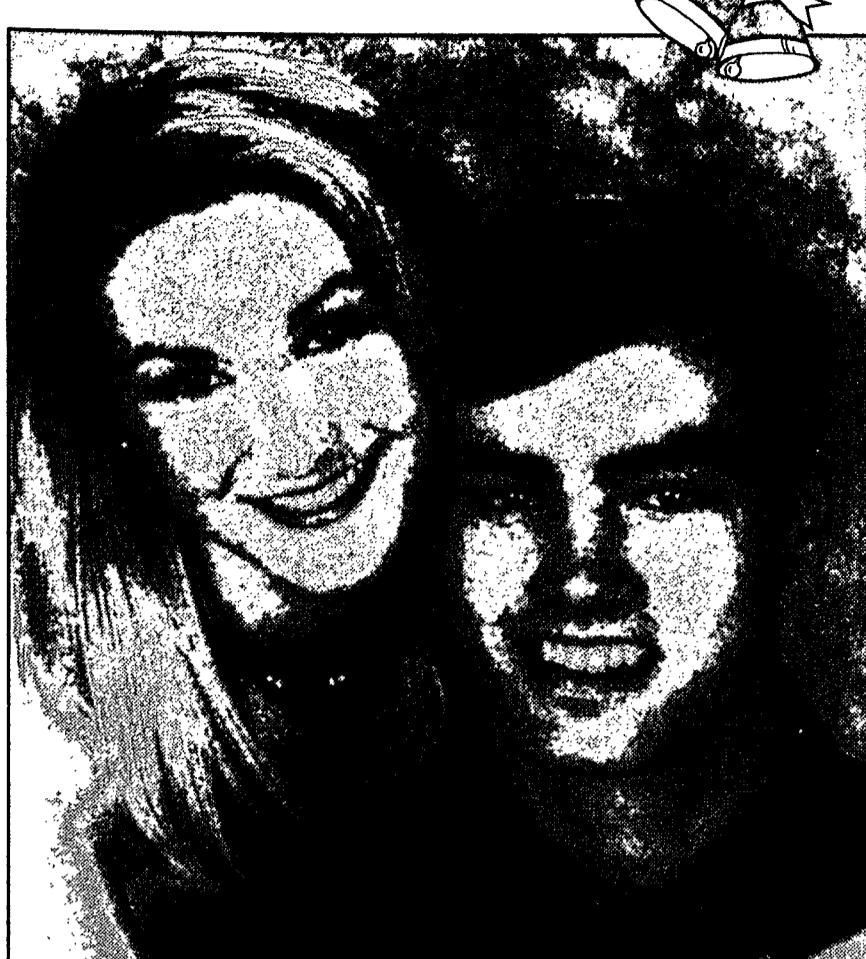
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Weddings



Ashley Combs and Charles Griffith

Combs-Griffith to unite

Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Combs of Waveland announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Ashley Marie Combs, to Charles "Wesley" Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Griffith of Waveland.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Bay High School and attended The University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. She is employed with Water Fun Pools and Spas in Bay St. Louis.

Her grandparents are the

late Roy L. Brignac and Patricia C. Saucier and the late Foster and Hazel Combs.

The future groom is a 1998 graduate of Bay High School and attended The University of Southern Mississippi. He is the owner of Wired Up car audio in Waveland.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson of Clermont Harbor and Roy W. Griffith of Waveland and the late Mary Griffith.

Vows will be exchanged May 12, 2001 at Le Grande Maison in Slidell.

Scafide-Frerman to wed

Mr. and Mrs. John Andrew Scafide, Jr. of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Blaize Scafide of Mobile, Ala., to Joshua Michael Frerman of Atlanta, Ga. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Michael Frerman of Gulf Shores, Ala.

Miss Scafide is a 1997 graduate of Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis.

She presently attends Spring Hill College in Mobile, where she is on the Dean's list. She will graduate in May with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and will attend Georgia State University in the fall to pursue a master's degree in actuarial science. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. John Andrew Scafide, Sr. of Bay St. Louis and the late John Andrew Scafide and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith.

Mr. Frerman was graduated from Foley High School in Foley, Ala. in 1994 and is a 1998 graduate of Spring Hill where he



Kathryn Scafide

received a degree in marketing and computer information systems. He is employed by Telemate in Atlanta, Ga.

The future groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Blume of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. Virginia Frerman of New Albany, Ind. and the late Robert Frerman.

The Wedding Mass will be celebrated on June 2, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf Church in Bay St. Louis.

Shrimping waters to close effective Monday

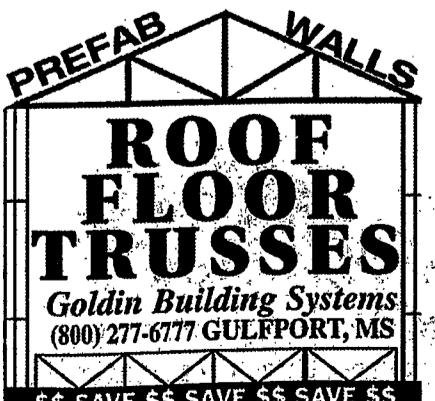
Action gives shrimp chance to grow for 2001-2002 season

The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has approved the closing of shrimping waters north of the Intracoastal Waterway, effective Monday, April 23, 2001, at 12:01 a.m.

All Mississippi territorial waters will close on Monday, April 30, 2001, at 12:01 p.m. This closure is done to provide time for post-larval and juvenile

brown shrimp to reach harvestable size. The 2001-2002 shrimp season will open after biological sampling shows data to support a 68 count per pound average.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes.



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Births

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TREY MICHAEL PARK-ER

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dale Parker Jr. of Pass Christian announce the birth of their first child, Trey Michael, April 6, 2001 at 4:18 p.m. at Garden Park Medical Center.

He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

Mrs. Parker is the former Kathleen Bailey. Maternal grandmother is Glenda Bailey of Pass Christian.

Paternal grandparents are Jimmy and Marlyn Parker of Pass Christian.

We may be little, but we have a
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Lamps, T-shirts,
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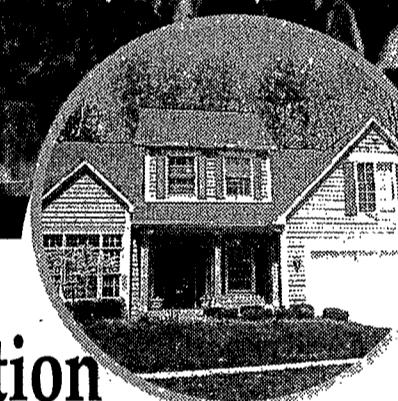
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rary federal statistics for 2000. • In 2000 there were 106 collisions at public highway-rail intersections in Mississippi, down from 126 in 1999. Vehicle-train collisions at private highway-rail intersections in the state dropped from eight in 1999 to six in 2000.

• Fatalities at highway-rail intersections in Mississippi dropped from 17 in 1999 to 15 in 2000.

• Injuries at highway-rail intersections in Mississippi fell from 83 in 1999 to 43 in 2000.

• Preliminary 2000 statistics for railroad trespasser incidents show that two Mississippi residents were killed and zero injured while trespassing on railroad tracks. In 1999, eight Mississippi residents were killed and four injured while trespassing on railroad tracks.

• Mississippi has 2,822 public, 2,034 private and 16 pedestrian highway-rail grade crossings for a total of 4,872 highway-rail grade crossings.

• There are over 2,800 miles of rail line in the state of Mississippi.

• About every two hours in the United States, a person or vehicle is hit by a train.

• A motorist is 40 times more likely to die in a crash involving a train than in other highway collisions.

• Nearly 50 percent of collisions at public crossings occur where active warning devices (gates and lights) exist.

• Most vehicle-train crashes occur at crossings within 25 miles of the motorists' home.

• The majority of grade crossing crashes occur at train speeds of less than 30 mph.

• Railroad tracks, yards, and equipment are private property and trespassers are subject to arrest and fines.

• Trains cannot stop quickly: 100-car freight train stopping distance:

At 30 mph = almost a mile
At 55 mph = a mile or more
8-car passenger train stopping distance:

At 60 mph = almost a mile

At 79 mph = a mile or more

Sources: Federal Railroad Administration, Mississippi Department of Transportation - Rail Division

WARNING SIGNS AND DEVICES

Public highway-rail grade crossings are places where the roadway crosses the train tracks. They are highway-rail intersections. State highway departments and railroad companies have marked them, for your safety, with one or more of the following warning devices.

Learn what they are and watch for them. These warning

devices advise you the road crosses train tracks. They alert you to the possible presence of a train.

ADVANCE WARNING SIGNS

The Advance Warning sign is usually the first sign you see when approaching a highway-rail intersection. It is located a sufficient distance ahead to allow a driver to stop before reaching the crossing. The Advance Warning sign advises you to slow down, look and listen for the train, and be prepared to stop if a train is approaching.

PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Pavement Markings, consisting of an R X R followed by a Stop Line closer to the tracks, may be painted on the paved approach to a crossing. Stay behind the Stop Line while waiting for a train to pass.

CROSSBUCK SIGNS

Crossbuck signs are found at highway-rail intersections. They are yield signs. You are legally required to yield the right of way to trains. Slow down, look and listen for the train, and stop if a train approaches.

When over more than one set of tracks, a sign below the Crossbuck indicates the number of tracks.

FLASHING RED LIGHT SIGNALS

At many highway-rail grade crossings, the Crossbuck sign has flashing red lights and bells. When the lights begin to flash, stop! A train is approaching. You are legally required to yield the right of way to the train. If there is more than one track, make sure all tracks are clear before crossing.

GATES

Many crossings have gates with flashing red lights and bells. Stop when the lights begin to flash and before the gate lowers across your road lone. Remain stopped until the gates go up and the lights have stopped flashing. Proceed when it is safe.

DRIVING SPECIAL VEHICLES

MOTORCYCLES. In addition to following all other guidelines in this bulletin, motorcyclists should approach all highway-rail intersections VERY slowly. Be alert to the possibility of a rough crossing. Always cross the tracks at as nearly a 90 degree angle as possible.

SCHOOL BUSES AND COMMERCIAL BUSES

In most states, school buses and commercial buses are required to stop at every highway-rail grade crossing. The driver must look and listen for trains approaching from either

direction, and cross only when it is safe to do so. Before crossing be sure there is enough space to clear the tracks on the other side if a stop becomes necessary, and never change gears while crossing.

TRUCKS CARRYING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Federal regulations and the laws of most states require trucks carrying hazardous materials to stop at all highway-rail grade crossings. Stop gradually to avoid being rear-ended.

Never change gears while crossing the tracks. Wherever possible, use roads where railroad crossings are equipped with flashing red lights or gates.

SAFETY TIPS

• Freight trains do not travel on a predictable schedule; schedules for passenger trains change. Always expect a train at every highway-rail intersection.

• Do not get trapped on a highway-rail crossing. Never drive onto a railroad crossing until you are sure you can clear the tracks on the other side without stopping.

• If the gates are down, the road is closed. Stop and wait until the gates go up and the red lights stop flashing.

• When you are at a multiple-track crossing and the last car of the closest train passes by, stay alert. Before crossing, look and listen carefully for another train on another track, coming from either direction.

• If your vehicle stalls at the highway-rail intersection, get everyone out and far away from the tracks immediately. Then, call 911 to report the emergency situation.

• Racing a train to a highway-rail intersection is a fool's game. If you lose, you may never have a second chance.

CAN YOU PASS THE TEST?

1. True or False: It is okay to walk on railroad property as long as you are not between the rails of the track?

False - Railroad property is private property. It is illegal to be there unless you are at a designated public crossing.

Trains are wider than the rails of the track and may have wide loads or straps extending beyond the sides of the cars. When waiting for a train to pass at a public crossing, be sure to remain at least 15 feet from the nearest rail.

2. True or False: It is okay to cross the tracks anywhere as long as you can see 1/4 mile in each direction?

False - The only place you should cross the tracks is at a

designated public crossing with a crossbuck, flashing red lights or a gate. If you cross at any other place, you are trespassing.

3. True or False: A freight train with 100 cars traveling 55 miles per hour requires a distance of one mile or more to stop?

True - After applying the emergency brakes, a train traveling at 55 miles per hour travels one mile or more before it comes to a stop. Remember, locomotives and freight cars are 4,000 times heavier than the family car, and it takes a great deal more distance for them to stop.

4. True or False: I will have plenty of time to get out of the way of an approaching train because I will hear it coming?

False - Today's trains are quieter than ever. When operating on welded rail, the familiar "clickety-clack" sound is no longer made. Also, trains do not sound the whistle continuously. By the time a locomotive engineer sees you and sounds the whistle, you may not have enough time to react. Stay away from the tracks.

True or False: At a crossing, the flashing red lights and gates of the active warning devices are only for the vehicles. It is okay for a pedestrian to ignore them and cross in front of the train?

False - The signals provided by the active warning devices at highway-rail crossings apply to both motorists and pedestrians. You can be cited for failing to comply with these signals. Never walk around, or behind, lowered gates at a crossing. Wait for the lights to stop flashing before proceeding across the tracks.

6. True or False: Railroad property is public property. I have the right to use it for recreation, or as a shortcut, whenever I feel like it?

False - Railroad property is private property. If you are on railroad tracks, equipment or cars without permission, you are trespassing and are subject to criminal prosecution.

7. True or False: A locomotive is not always in front of a train?

True - Railcars can move in either direction at anytime. Trains are sometimes pushed by locomotives instead of being pulled. This is especially true in commuter and light rail passenger service.

8. True or False: It is okay to cross just as soon as the last car of a train passes the crossing?

False - Do not cross the tracks immediately after a train has cleared the crossing.

There might be a second train coming in either direction or on another track that you cannot see because the first train blocks your vision.

Wait until the first train has

traveled away from you so, that you can see clearly in both directions. If there are flashing red lights at the crossing, never move until the lights stop flashing.

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VOTE TABULATOR DEMONSTRATION

There will be a public demonstration on the vote counting equipment to be used in the May 1, 2001 election. The demonstration will be held in the office of the City Clerk at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2001.

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The New York Times Book Review Best Sellers

The Hancock County Library System reports the following books listed on the New York Times Best Seller List have been ordered by the system's libraries.

The initials in parentheses following the descriptions stand for the library branch at which the books are available: B=Bay St. Louis; W=Waveland; K=Kilm; P=Pearlkington; NA=Not Available.

FICTION

1 DREAMCATCHER, by Stephen King. (Scribner, \$28.) In the woods of Maine, four hunters who have been friends since boyhood encounter a disoriented stranger and a dangerous creature from another world.

2 1ST TO DIE, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$26.95.) Four women – a homicide inspector, a medical examiner, an assistant district attorney and a journalist – search for a killer who is stalking newlyweds.

3 THE VILLA, by Nora Roberts. (Putnam, \$25.95.) A businesswoman is torn between her professional rivalry with a vintner and her powerful attraction to him.

4 A PAINTED HOUSE, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$27.95.) The experiences of a 7-year-old boy whose parents live

and work in the cotton fields of Arkansas.

5 SCARLET FEATHER, by Maeve Binchy. (Dutton, \$25.95.) Tom Feather and Cathy Scarlet, friends from cooking school, start a catering company in Dublin.

6 THE BONESETTER'S DAUGHTER, by Amy Tan. (Putnam, \$25.95.) A Chinese-American woman struggles to understand her family and herself.

7 POTSHOT, by Robert B. Parker. (Putnam, \$23.95.) Spenser is hired by an Arizona woman to investigate the apparent murder of her husband by a local gang.

8 A DAY LATE AND A DOLLAR SHORT, by Terry McMillan. (Viking, \$25.95.) The complicated lives of Viola Price and her estranged husband, who live in Las Vegas, and their four grown children.

9 THE MARK, by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. (Tyndale, \$22.99.) Volume 8 of the "Left Behind" series, in which forces of good battle forces of evil.

10 MYSTIC RIVER, by Dennis Lehane. (Morrow, \$25.) Three former friends, torn apart long ago by a childhood trauma, are forced to reunite.

NONFICTION

1 SEABISCUIT, by Laura

Hillenbrand. (Random House, \$24.95.) A biography of the horse whose career culminated in a 1938 match race with War Admiral.

2 ABSOLUTE POWER, by David Limbaugh. (Regnery, \$27.95.) A lawyer's critical evaluation of the Clinton-Reno Justice Department.

3 ICE BOUND, by Jerri Nielsen with Maryanne Vollers. (Talk Miramax/Hyperion, \$23.95.) A memoir by the doctor who was at the South Pole when she discovered that she had breast cancer.

4 FAST FOOD NATION, by Eric Schlosser. (Houghton Mifflin, \$25.) A survey of "the dark side of the all-American meal."

5 TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE, by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) The author tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door.

6 THE O'REILLY FACTOR, by Bill O'Reilly. (Broadway, \$23.) The host of a cable news program offers opinions on what's right and wrong with America.

7 LONGABERGER, by Dave Longaberger. (Harper-Business, \$25.) A posthumous memoir by the man who created the Longaberger basket company.

8 AN HOUR BEFORE DAY-

LIGHT, by Jimmy Carter. (Simon & Schuster, \$26.) The former president recalls his Depression-era childhood on a Georgia farm.

9 WALKING THE BIBLE, by Bruce Feder. (Morrow, \$26.) A 10,000-mile journey retracing the story told in the Pentateuch.

10 THE DARWIN AWARDS, by Wendy Northcutt. (Dutton, \$16.95.) Commemorating those people whose spectacularly stupid behavior served to "improve

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Rodney Corr has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provisions of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, in a canal off Bayou LaCrosse at Ireland Street in Bay St. Louis, Hancock County.

The applicant is requesting permission to construct a pier 1,369 feet in length, with a retaining wall 1,369 feet in length, located off Bayou LaCrosse at Ireland Street in Bay St. Louis, Hancock County. The applicant is also requesting permission to fill 2.25 acres of non-tidal wetlands at the same location.

In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1341), as amended by PL 95-217, Rodney Corr will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

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ON LIFEBy Father Jerome
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Conversations about life

"Now don't you leave before I do! I asked the Lord to make sure that I leave before two people: you and Mrs. Romaine."

"I don't plan on going anywhere soon, but that's up to the dear Lord," I assured my former parishioner and dear friend. "In any case, God will take care of us no matter what happens."

In her mid nineties and gradually giving ground to the inevitable ravages of time and wear, Bea Guerin reminded me of her oft-repeated request that I officiate at her homegoing Mass of resurrection. Without a trace of morbidity, and with a twinkle in her eyes, she was simply serving notice once more.

In spite of her badly deteriorated knees and aching, weakened body, Bea still manages to walk around a bit by sheer dint of will. Every step a pained one, every move accompanied by a wince, she insists on walking to the refrigerator to retrieve fruit for me on my journey.

Best of all, her formidable mind is still as sharp as I have ever known it to be. Whereas in most people of very advanced age, recent memory is weak, all of Bea's memory is exceptionally strong, with a current recall of amazing clarity and detail. She is at home conversing with people of any age.

As I have observed several times before, Bea is not at all alone in making reservations for her homegoing when God calls, and that includes quite a number of people in their sixties, fifties and even forties. The only distinct difference is the emphatic frequency of Bea's request.

But do not confuse that emphatic frequency with a frenzied urgency on her part. After all, Bea has been saying this for some 15 years, and shows no signs that she believes her end time is in any way imminent. The bottom line is, she is quite resigned to the timing of God's call.

What continues to be of special interest is the absence of any morbid element in the homegoing request. Within the normal, natural flow of conversation from time to time, the subject of leaving this world eventually surfaces, opening the way for people like Bea to put in their plug one more time.

It's an honor and a privilege, to be sure, to be chosen for the final

task of celebrating someone's passage into the heavenly homeland. This most important of all the rites of passage should indeed have a niche in regular conversations, because it is an integral part of our life here on earth.

Based on a powerful belief in the resurrection, such conversations are the litmus test of true believers, the shibboleth separating them from unbelievers such as the Athenians whom Paul engaged in a weighty discussion. The discussion went smoothly until Paul claimed Jesus was raised from the dead.

"When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some began to scoff, but others said, 'We should like to hear you on this some other time.' ... But some did join him, and became believers" (Acts 17:32-34).

It is a great blessing to be able to talk about our homegoing without a morbid attitude and without sadness, because resurrection is not a natural idea springing from everyday events and beliefs. Even the apostles and other disciples of Jesus had a tough time coming to grips with resurrection.

We can only imagine the depth of frustration Jesus endured when his closest, most trusted lieutenants denied ever having known him, ran for their lives when he was being savaged and crucified, and hesitated to believe that he somehow broke the fetters of the grave through the power of his Father. In our own quiet way, we have to come to grips with the same problems the apostles had every waking moment of our lives. As we watch our own and the bodies of our dear ones, referred to by Paul as an old dwelling or tent (2 Corinthians 5:1), slow down, deteriorate and fall apart, we must decide.

We must decide whether we will be like the Athenians, believing in only the dust-from-dust, dust-to-dust possessions, toys and charades of everyday life, or whether we will be like true believers, looking forward with joy to the never-ending life promised to us by God:

"God himself will always be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, weeping or pain, for the old order has passed away... I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 21:3, 4, 6).

Colors and rainy-day fun highlight library story hours

"Colors" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, set for Wednesday, April 25, at 10:30 a.m.

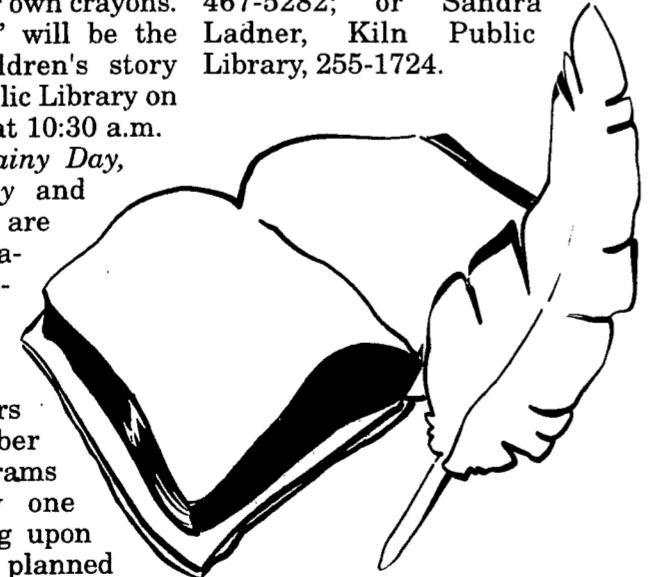
Dog's Colorful Day and The Crayon Box that Talked are the books to be read during the program. Susan Daigne, program coordinator, will assist the children in making their own crayons. "Rainy Day Fun" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, April 26, at 10:30 a.m.

We Play on a Rainy Day, Rabbit's Rainy Day and Rainy Day Puddle are the books to be featured during the program. The children will also make an umbrella craft sheet.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned

programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or preschool group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.



Becoming Children of God

In the Bible, our Lord speaks frequently about children and being childlike: "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14). We are also told that, "to all who receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God" (John 1:12). As adults we have a tendency to over-analyze everything and live our lives on the basis of logic. In comparison, children

trust completely in their parents or guardian, and they depend on them for all of their physical and emotional needs. They don't worry or fret about what tomorrow will bring; they trust that someone will always take care of them. We should strive to develop a loving and trusting relationship with God, and we should be confident that He has our lives in His control. We should not be overly concerned when things don't work out like we think they should; accepting God's will in our lives is part of being a child of God.

I assure you that whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.

Good News Bible Mark 10:15

St. Paul Catholic students visit StenniSphere, botanical gardens

The first, second and third grade students at St. Paul Catholic School in Pass Christian took a field trip to the StenniSphere March 30.

Students were able to have a hands-on educational journey intended to provide them with experiences that educate and entertain as they travel on a journey designed to excite them about space science.

The students toured the Space Museum, visited Main Street Mars, and attended an informative assembly learning about working and living in space as an astronaut.

Some students opted to ride on the motion stimulator, which most said was awesome and cool.

The first grade students at Saint Paul Catholic took a field trip to the City Park Botanical Gardens in New Orleans March

27. After they arrived, their tour guides, Ms. Tinky and Ms. Margaret took them on a wonderful adventure where they saw all kinds of plants.

There were so many - plants grown to eat, plants grown for medicine, and plants grown just for their beauty. They also saw magnolia trees and oak trees.

The students learned that magnolia trees grew way back in dinosaur times. They also learned that the magnolia tree couldn't decide if it was a cone tree or a flowering tree - so after the flower dies away, the center of the flower leaves a cone full of magnolia seeds.

After the tour, the students and their teacher, Carol Church, planted sunflowers.

They can hardly wait to see them grow. They also played in the park and had lunch in the gardens.

The "Word" for the Week
A heart for family

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No fault divorce has become standard. Big hearts seem in short supply. Parents leave children in the lurch. Little hearts are torn. Children lose a sense of stability. They do not know whom to trust.

"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" (Matthew 19:3). Good question. Society says, "Yes!" Jesus Christ has a different response. "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?" So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together let no man separate" (Matthew 19:4-6).

The conclusion is simple. If God puts a man and a woman together as husband and wife, do men and women have a right to tear apart what God establishes?

Even the disciples of Jesus backed away from this idea. "If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry" (Matthew 19:10).

Again, Jesus has a different thought. Why divorce for any cause? "Because of your hardness of heart" (Matthew 19:8). Marriage takes big hearts. Family life necessitates giving, loving hearts. The answer is soft hearts, new hearts, loving hearts, big hearts.

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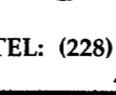
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Entertainment

'Gulfport Night' at the Gulf Coast Symphony

In recognition of the City of Gulfport's contribution to the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra, the final subscription concert for the 2000-01 season will be known as "Gulfport Night at the Symphony" and will take place Saturday, April 28 at 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Gulfport. The concert moves from its regular venue of the Saenger Theatre to First Baptist due to planned renovations to the Saenger and makes it possible to bring the Saint-Saens Symphony No. 3, the famous Organ Symphony, to the public using a full church organ. Organist is Tammy Turnage of Gulfport. She serves as organist of the First Baptist Church and recently auditioned for the position of pianist/organist with the Gulf Coast symphony. She will become a contracted musician with the symphony beginning with the 2001-02 season. Other selections include Nocturnes by Debussy and Bolero by Ravel. Concert tickets for the 8 p.m.

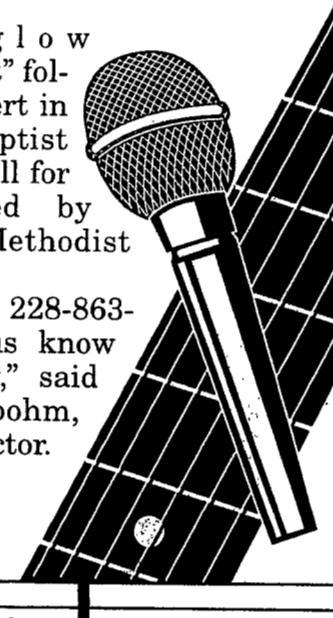
performance are \$25, \$20 and \$15 and for students, \$8. The 3 p.m. rehearsal tickets are \$8 and \$5. Group rates are available.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the Gulf Coast Symphony at (228) 435-9800 or at the door. "Words on Music" with Dr. John Strickler takes place Thursday, April 26, 7-8 p.m., free, at the Great Southern Club, Hancock Bank Building, Gulfport.

"French Dinner Buffet" is Saturday, April 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m. for \$16.99 at the Great Southern Club. For reservations, call (228) 865-0200.

"Afterglow Dessert Buffet" follows the concert in First Baptist Fellowship Hall for \$5, sponsored by Trinity Methodist Church Youth.

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Confederate memorial observance slated at Beauvoir next Saturday

Confederate Memorial Day will be celebrated at Beauvoir on Saturday, April 28. Sponsored by the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans and co-hosted by Beauvoir and Sam Davis Camp 596, Sons of Confederate Veterans, the public observance consists of an Old-South Picnic and memorial service.

The day's activities begin on the lawn of Beauvoir House at noon with the Old-South Potluck Picnic. Plates, utensils, and soft drinks will be provided.

Participants are required to bring a covered dish or two for the pot-luck affair. Lawn chairs or blankets may also be brought by participants as seating is limited.

The Yesteryear Young Dancers will entertain during lunch.

The activities continue at 2 p.m. with the memorial service at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Confederate Cemetery at Beauvoir.

The service will include period music, military salutes, and the presentation of floral tributes. The featured speaker is Edwin L. Deason, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Beauvoir is also commemorating the 20th anniversary of

the unveiling of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Confederate States of America. A photo exhibit of the story of the Unknown Confederate Soldier is currently on display in the rotunda of the Confederate Museum.

Historians generally trace the origins of Confederate Memorial Day to the 1866 decoration of graves in Friendship Cemetery by the ladies of Columbus, Mississippi.

News of the moving tribute spread, and the custom was adopted throughout the South.

The observance became a legal holiday in Mississippi in 1906. The Beauvoir event is one of hundreds held throughout the South to commemorate the valor and sacrifice of the Confederate soldier.

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Send photograph and item history to Antiques Roadshow, 125 Western Avenue, Boston, MA 02134 by April 30. Appraisals cannot be given from photographs. Photographs will not be returned.

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